

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Water Rate)	
Increase Request of)	
Hillcrest Utility Operating)	Case No. WR-2016-0064
Company, Inc.)	

RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING

COMES NOW Hillcrest Utility Operating Company, Inc. (Hillcrest or Company), and, in response to the Missouri Public Service Commission’s (Commission) Order Directing Filing, states as follows:

1. On May 23, 2016, the Commission issued its Order Directing Filing wherein it directed any interested party to request the classification of OPC Ex. 7 under the Commission’s Confidentiality Rule

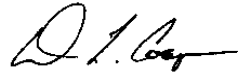
2. OPC Ex. 7 purports to be a General Ledger of First Round CSWR, LLC (First Round) for the year 2014. First Round is not a public utility, nor did it have any ownership interest in a public utility in 2014 (its first utility systems were purchased in March of 2015).

3. The detailed transactions identified represent the work conducted by this privately-owned entity during its set up process. As such, Hillcrest would ask that OPC Ex. 7 be identified as “Proprietary” under the Commission’s Confidentiality Rule (4 CSE 240-2.135), as it contains confidential or private financial and business information.

WHEREFORE, Hillcrest respectfully requests that OPC Ex. 7 be classified as

Proprietary under the Commission's Confidentiality Rule (4 CSE 240-2.135).

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was sent by electronic mail on May 25, 2016, to counsel for the parties to Case No. WR-2016-0064.

