

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

In the Matter of South Cape County)
Sewer Company, LLC for a Certificate of)
Convenience and Necessity Authorizing) **File No. SA-2027-0011**
it to Own, Operate, Maintain, Control,)
and Manage a Sewer System in Cape)
Girardeau County, Missouri

STAFF’S STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through the undersigned counsel, and hereby respectfully submits this *Status Report* as follows:

1. On July 10, 2026, the South Cape County Sewer Company, LLC (“SCC Sewer”) filed the above-referenced Application. The application seeks authority for SCC Sewer to operate a sewer system in Cape Girardeau County, Missouri.
2. On July 29, 2026, the Commission issued an order directing Staff to “file a recommendation or an alternative pleading by August 28, 2026.”
3. This application represents SCC Sewer’s first Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (“CCN”) involving a new acquisition. The nature and complexity of this new acquisition requires additional time for Staff to complete additional discovery and its subsequent review.
4. On August 6, 2026, Staff informed SCC Sewer that Staff anticipated filing its recommendation on November 25, 2026. And on August 10, 2026, SCC Sewer requested that Staff instead endeavor to file its recommendation by the end of October.¹

¹ Staff met with SCC Sewer on August 26, 2026. Staff also requested a meeting specifically to discuss its initial request for an 89-day deadline but did not receive a response to that request before this filing. After considering SCC Sewer’s feedback, Staff reduced its request to eighty (80) days.

5. Staff has and may continue to issue data requests to aid in its review, provide feedback, and continue discussions with SCC Sewer. However, SCC Sewer's responses to Staff's initial rounds of data requests have spurred the need for further investigation and additional discovery.

6. Staff therefore requests eighty (80) additional days, through November 16, 2026, to allow sufficient time to complete additional discovery, consider any outstanding discovery issues, review responsive information, and conduct technical meetings as appropriate. Based on the current status of its review, Staff anticipates filing its recommendation no later than November 16, 2026.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission accept this *Status Report* and order Staff's recommended deadline to file its recommendation no later than November 16, 2026. Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 28th day of August 2026.

/s/ Eric Vandergriff