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

| The Office of the Public Counsel, |              | ) |
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|                                   | Complainant, | ) |
| V.                                |              | ) |
| Moore Bend Water Utility, LLC,    |              | ) |
|                                   | Respondent.  | ) |

File No. WC-2016-0252

### JOINT MOTION TO MODIFY PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Under authority of, and in accordance with, 4 CSR 240-2.080, Moore Bend Water Utility, LLC, the Office of the Public Counsel, the Missouri Public Service Commission Staff, and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources jointly request an order modifying the procedural schedule in this case to extend the evidentiary hearing date. In support of their motion, the aforementioned parties state:

1. The December 7, 2016, *Order Modifying Procedural Schedule* sets Thursday, February 2, 2017, as the date for the evidentiary hearing in this case. In preparation for that hearing, the parties jointly filed their *List of Issues and Order of Cross Examination* on December 5, 2016, and individually filed their respective statements of position on January 19, 2017.

2. Recent developments suggest an option for resolving all outstanding issues may be available that, if successful, would make an evidentiary hearing unnecessary. To allow additional time to pursue that option, the undersigned counsel, who represent each of the parties to the case, jointly request extension of the evidentiary hearing date to an available date on the Commission's calendar in mid to late April 2017.

3. If the Commission grants this request and the parties are unable to informally resolve some or all outstanding issues, they will so inform the Commission no later than ten days prior to the rescheduled hearing date.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons stated above, all parties ask the Commission to issue an order modifying the procedural schedule by rescheduling the evidentiary hearing to an available date in mid to late April 2017, and by taking such other action with respect to the procedural schedule as the Commission deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify an electronic copy of the foregoing motion was served January 24, 2017, via email, on counsel for each party of record.

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