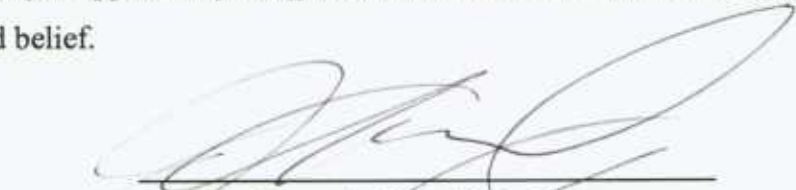


BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES A. MERCIEL, JR.

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss Case No. SA-2007-0373
COUNTY OF CALLAWAY)

James A. Merciel, Jr., of lawful age, on his oath states: (1) that he is the Assistant Manager – Engineering in the Water and Sewer Department of the Missouri Public Service Commission; (2) that he participated in the preparation of the foregoing *Staff's Recommendation for Approval of Tariff*; (3) that he has knowledge of the matters set forth in the foregoing *Staff's Recommendation for Approval of Tariff*; and (4) that the matters set forth in the foregoing *Staff's Recommendation for Approval of Tariff* are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



James A. Merciel, Jr., P.E.
Assistant Manager - Engineering
Water & Sewer Department
Utility Operations Division

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of March 2008.



Notary Public



SUSAN L. SUNDERMEYER
My Commission Expires
September 21, 2010
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