

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

In the Matter of the Office of the Public)	
Counsel's Application to Open a Case for)	
Investigation of Suburban Water and)	Case No. _____
Sewer Company and Request for a)	
Local Public Hearing.)	

**PUBLIC COUNSEL'S APPLICATION TO OPEN A CASE FOR
INVESTIGATION AND REQUEST FOR LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and for its Application to Open a Case for Investigation and Request for Local Public Hearing states as follows:

1. Suburban Water and Sewer Company (Suburban) was authorized by the Commission on September 30, 1972 to provide regulated water service to customers in a certificated area Boone County, Missouri.
2. Suburban currently provides regulated water service to Bon-Gor Estates pursuant to approved tariff YW-2005-1074.
3. On or about March 31, 2007, customers of Suburban received a letter stating that on or about July 1, 2007 water service would end because Suburban was going out of business.
4. Public Counsel requests that the Commission open a case in order to facilitate an investigation regarding a resolution of this matter to ensure that customers are not deprived of safe and adequate service.
5. Public Counsel also requests that the Commission schedule a Local Public Hearing in the Columbia, Missouri area regarding this matter. This will provide an

opportunity for the Commission to gather information regarding customers' concerns and preferences regarding a resolution of this matter. Public Counsel would not object to the Commission scheduling this hearing promptly, so long as customers are given sufficient notice.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully requests that the Commission open a case for investigation and grant Public Counsel's request for a local public hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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