Secretary of the Commission Missouri Public Service Commission Attn: Data Center P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102

RE: Amended Requests for Increases in Water & Sewer System Operating Revenues - MO PSC Small Utility Rate Case Procedure

## Dear Secretary:

Branson Cedars Resort Utility Company LLC (the Company) holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the Missouri Public Service commission (the Commission), under which the Company provides sewer collection and treatment services and water supply and distribution services in Taney County, Missouri. The Commission first authorized the Company to provide regulated water utility service on September 5, 2015, effective November 1, 2015.

The Company currently provides service to approximately fifty-six (56) water & sewer customers within its certificated area under the provisions of its Commission-approved tariffs. The Company's customer rates for water & sewer service were established on November 1, 2015.

Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-10.075, the Commission's rule pertaining to rate increase requests made by qualifying small utilities, the Company is hereby requesting an increase of a total of forty-nine thousand one hundred and nineteen dollars and fifty cents (\$49,119.50) in its water and sewer system operation revenues. This amount represents the total that the BCR Utility is asking for to be paid not the annual increase.

Based upon current customer rates and customer numbers, these increases represent the additional expenses the utility <u>incurred</u> since the certificate was granted and <u>will be incurring</u> that was over and above the normal expenses of the day to day operation of the water & sewer system at Branson Cedars Resort. These totals represent \$8,186.58 for the sewer portion and \$40,932.92 for the water portion.

The Company understands that the design of its customer rates, its service charges, its customer service practices, its general business practices and its general tariff provisions will also be reviewed during the Commission Staff's review of the rate increase requests and may thus be subjected to Staff recommendations at the end of the rate increase process.

The specific reasons for the requested increases in the Company's annual operating revenues for water & sewer service include: expected increases in water & sewer utility plant investment; unforeseen costs due to equipment system failures; increases in labor associated with the continued operation of the system; and increases in overall operation and maintenance expenses.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please contact me at your convenience if you need additional information regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Hyams

Michael Hyams
Agent/Member
Branson Cedars Resort Utility Company