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Missouri Public Service Commission  
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**Missouri Public  
Service Commission**

RE: Aqua RU, Inc. d/b/a/ Aqua Missouri, Inc.  
Requests for Increases in Annual Water System Operating Revenues  
MPSC Water Utility Small Company Rate Increase Procedures

Dear Secretary:

Aqua-RU, Inc. d/b/a/ Aqua Missouri, Inc. holds certificates of public convenience and necessity granted by the Missouri Public Service Commission (the Commission), under which the Company provides water treatment and distribution services, through seven rate divisions, as follows:

- (1) Riverside Estates division in Taney County serving approximately 281 customers in the community of Hollister
- (2) White Branch division in Benton County serving approximately 152 customers in the community of Warsaw
- (3) Rankin Acres division in Greene County serving approximately 86 customers in the community of Republic
- (4) Spring Valley division in Christian County serving approximately 106 customers in the community of Ozark
- (5) Ozark Mountain division in Barry and Stone Counties, serving approximately 382 customers in the community of Shell Knob
- (6) Lakewood Manor division in Barry County serving approximately 35 customers in the community of Shell Knob
- (7) LTA division in Taney County serving approximately 97 customers in the community of Branson

For all divisions, customer rates for water service were last changed in September, 2008.

Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.635, the Commission's rules pertaining to rate increase requests made by small water utilities, the company is requesting increase as follows:

For the Riverside Estates division, the Company is hereby requesting an increase of \$32,500 in its annual water operating revenues. Based upon current customer rates and customer numbers, this increase represents changes of approximately 37.4% in the division's annual water operating revenues.

For the White Branch division, the Company is hereby requesting an increase of \$26,800 in its annual water operating revenues. Based upon current customer rates and customer numbers, this increase represents changes of approximately 43.8% in the division's annual water operating revenues.

For the Rankin Acres division, the Company is hereby requesting an increase of \$2,500 in its annual water operating revenues. Based upon current customer rates and customer numbers, this increase represents changes of approximately 4.8% in the division's annual water operating revenues.

For the Spring Valley division, the Company is hereby requesting an increase of \$19,100 in its annual water operating revenues. Based upon current customer rates and customer numbers, this increase represents changes of approximately 30.4% in the division's annual water operating revenues.

For the Ozark Mountain division, the Company is hereby requesting an increase of \$71,600 in its annual water operating revenues. Based upon current customer rates and customer numbers, this increase represents changes of approximately 45.1% in the division's annual water operating revenues.

For the Lakewood Manor division, the Company is hereby requesting an increase of \$20,000 in its annual water operating revenues. Based upon current customer rates and customer numbers, this increase represents changes of approximately 93.2% in the division's annual water operating revenues.

For the LTA Branch division, the Company is hereby requesting an increase of \$14,900 in its annual water operating revenues. Based upon current customer rates and customer numbers, this increase represents changes of approximately 28.6% in the division's annual water operating revenues.

The specific reasons for the requested increase in the Company's annual operating revenues for water service include primarily increases in operation and maintenance expenses since 2007, a decrease in operating revenue from the level last allowed, and capital additions, most significantly in the Lakewood Manor Division.

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

#### Requested Tariff Changes

The Company is requesting that the tariff sheets relating to Service Charges (P.S.C. MO. No.2, First Revised Sheet No. WSC-1) be revised to include a Returned Check Charge of \$25.00.

In addition, the Company requests revisions in the tariff language for Rankin Acres (P.S.C. MO No. 2, Third Revised Sheet No. WR4) such that customers will be billed under the Meter Rate only once all customers of this system are metered. The Company

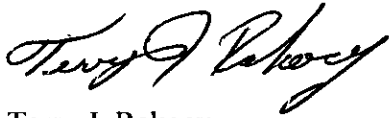
plans to accelerate its metering program so that all customers will be metered by the end of 2011.

Finally, on P.S.C. MO No. 2, First revised Sheet No. WRR 14, paragraph 5(e), the Company is requesting that language be added to prohibit the use of any material containing lead.

The Company is current on the payment of its Commission annual assessments, since all past and current assessments have been paid in full, and on the filing of its Commission annual reports. Additionally, the Company will remain current on these items during the processing of this rate increase request.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Terry J. Rakocy".

Terry J. Rakocy  
President

Copies: Jim Busch, Water and Sewer Department  
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