ArgyleEstates Water Supply 408 Hillcrest Dr. Union, Mo 63084

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Secretary of the Commission Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, Mo 65102-0360

RE: Request for rate increase - For Argyle Estates Water Supply, in accordance with the Commissions, small company rates procedure.

This rate increase is of utmost urgency and is imperative to the economic viability and sustainability of the water system at this time.

We are requesting additional annual operating revenue in the amount of \$6,000.00 or more. Since billing is done on a quarterly basis, this would amount to additional revenue of \$1,500.00 per quarter. There are 53 customers on the system, therefore each customer would be paying approximately an extra \$28.00 more per quarter or \$9.33 more per month.

The current minimum now is \$37.94 per quarter for 6,000 gallons - \$12.6466 per month. That rate was set by the Commission in 2001.

Over the 6,000 gallons, the rate is 2.46 per 1,000 gallons, also set by the Commission in 2001.

The 1st quarter of 2022, (the first quarter is usually the lowest usage for the year) the average water bill was \$54.99. Of the 53 customers total, 15 of them had a minimum bill of \$37.94 or \$12.64 per month.

We cannot sustain the system on bills of \$12.64 per month.

The minimum bill for the 1st 6,000 gallons or less needs to be about \$51.00 or \$17.00 per month or more. So as not to punish the heavier users, the next level could be 2.90 per 1,000 gallons.

Example: 36,000 gal per quarter1st 6,000 gal= 51.00 over 6,000 = 30,000 gal = $\underline{87.00}$ \$138.00 per quarter or \$46.00 per month The reasons for the requested increase in revenues are as follows:

• In 2019 Flynn Well drilling installed a new well pump and new galvanized 3" pipe at a cost of \$19,473.00 - all financed 100% with debt.

- Electric bills have increased substantially since 2001.
- With the cost of stamps, billing expenses have doubled since 2001.

• This year, 2022, DNR has increased their fee for analyzing water by 50% from \$200.00 to \$300.00

• Maintenance expenses and upkeep are a very big issue in this market of high inflation.

Lastly, I wish to advise you that the company is current on past and current assessments to the Public Service Commission and will continue to do so in the future.

Thank you for your cooperation and attention to this important matter. Please contact me at your convenience if you have any further questions or you need any information.

Sincerely,

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Albert Argyle President and COO of Argyle Estates Water Supply