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**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**UTILITY SERVICES DIVISION**

**SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY**

**OF**

**V. WILLIAM HARRIS, CPA, CIA**

**TIMBER CREEK SEWER COMPANY**

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3                                   **V. WILLIAM HARRIS, CPA, CIA**  
4                                   **TIMBER CREEK SEWER COMPANY**  
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6           Q.     Please state your name and business address.

7           A.     V. William Harris, Fletcher Daniels State Office Building, Room G8,  
8     615 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

9           Q.     Are you the same V. William Harris that filed Direct Testimony dated  
10   November 23, 2010 and Rebuttal Testimony dated December 21, 2010 in this proceeding?

11          A.     Yes.

12          Q.     What is the purpose of your Surrebuttal Testimony?

13          A.     The purpose of my Surrebuttal Testimony is to address the Rebuttal Testimony  
14   of the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) witness Ted Robertson on the subject of rate case  
15   expense.

16          Q.     On page 18, lines 7 through 9, of his Rebuttal Testimony, Mr. Robertson states  
17   the Missouri Public Service Commission's (Commission or PSC) Staff is recommending a  
18   rate case expense of "\$23,073 normalized over 3 years or \$7,691 per year [be] included in the  
19   cost of service. He [V. William Harris] also states that additional costs will likely be  
20   considered for inclusion". Continuing on page 18 (lines 13 and 14) of his Rebuttal Testimony,  
21   Mr. Robertson states, "Mr. Harris developed a normalized level of costs based on rate case  
22   expense costs incurred in the Company's last rate case." Is this an accurate summation of the  
23   Staff's position on rate case expense in this proceeding?

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V. William Harris

1           A.     Yes, it is.

2           Q.     On page 19 of his Rebuttal Testimony, Mr. Robertson states he feels rate case  
3 expense should be normalized using actual costs incurred. Do you agree?

4           A.     Yes, I do.

5           Q.     Why did you normalize rate case expense using rate case costs incurred by the  
6 Company in its last rate case rather than actual costs incurred in this case?

7           A.     As stated in the Direct Testimonies of Mr. Robertson and myself, the Company  
8 had not identified any current rate case costs incurred at the time of those respective filings.  
9 Mr. Robertson further supported this fact by stating on page 18 (lines 17 and 18) of his  
10 Rebuttal Testimony, "Company now states it has incurred some rate case expense during the  
11 period May 2010 to current."

12                 Since the Company had not identified any rate case expense in this case at the time of  
13 Staff's Direct Filing, Staff normalized the expense based on the expenses the Company  
14 incurred in the most recent Timber Creek rate case (Case No. SR-2008-0080). However, as  
15 stated in my Direct Testimony, and acknowledged in Mr. Robertson's Rebuttal Testimony,  
16 the actual expenses the Company incurs will vary and any reasonably and prudently incurred  
17 cost will be considered for inclusion at a later date. Staff will work with Timber Creek and  
18 Public Counsel to establish an on-going normalized level of rate case expense based on the  
19 actual costs the Company incurs in this case.

20           Q.     Does this conclude your Surrebuttal Testimony?

21           A.     Yes, it does.

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

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Timber Creek Sewer Company Request for a ) File No. SR-2010-0320  
Rate Increase. )  
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AFFIDAVIT OF V. WILLIAM HARRIS

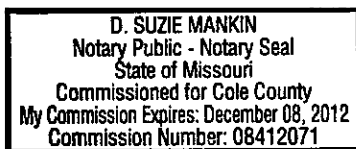
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COUNTY OF COLE     )

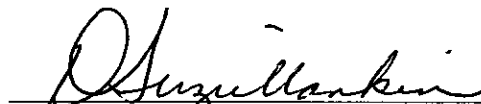
V. William Harris, of lawful age, on his oath states: that he has participated in the preparation of the foregoing Surrebuttal Testimony in question and answer form, consisting of 2 pages to be presented in the above case; that the answers in the foregoing Surrebuttal Testimony were given by him; that he has knowledge of the matters set forth in such answers; and that such matters are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.



V. William Harris

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2010.



  
Notary Public