

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

In the Matter of the Application of Central)	
Rivers Wastewater Utility, Inc for an)	Case No. SE-2009-0371
Extension to September 15, 2009 to File)	Tracking No. BARE-2009-1392
Their Annual Report.)	

STAFF'S RESPONSE REGARDING LATE FILED ANNUAL REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) by and through counsel, and submits its Recommendation Regarding Application for Extension to File Annual Report to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) and states as follows:

1. On April 10, 2009, Central Rivers Wastewater Utility, Inc. (Central Rivers) filed its Application for Extension to File Annual Report (Extension Request). The Commission granted an extension for filing its 2008 annual report from April 15, 2009, to July 15, 2009.

2. On July 21, 2009, Central Rivers filed a second Extension Request until July 31, 2009. The basis for Central Rivers request was that Delores Geisinger (the primary person responsible for the filing of the annual report) was recently hospitalized with pneumonia and having additional medical testing done. Staff was also contacted by Ms. Geisinger on July 15, 2009, who informed Staff of this information. Staff then advised Ms. Geisinger to discuss with her attorney the filing of a formal extension request.

3. On August 3, 2009, the Commission directed Staff file a recommendation regarding the second Extension Request to file its annual report by July 31, 2009, which staff did not oppose.

4. Central Rivers filed its 2008 annual report as of August 17, 2009.

5. On August 20, 2009, the Commission directed Staff to respond to Central Rivers' annual report filing on August 17, 2009, and advise whether Staff objects to extending the deadline to file such report to August 17, 2009.

6. Staff must emphasize that is unreasonable for any regulated utility to withhold its annual report filing for an unauthorized extended period of time, especially in light of the fact that the Staff reviews and utilizes this information for general compliance and inspection purposes. However, in light of Central Rivers' unique situation that occurred this year, it appears that Central Rivers had good cause for needing more time to file. Therefore, Staff will not object to Central Rivers' late filing.

7. Staff must reinforce that Staff's not objecting to Central Rivers' late filed 2008 annual report this year is not intended to be considered continuing permission for Central River's to continue to filing late annual reports.

WHEREFORE, the Staff submits that it does not object to Central Rivers' late filed 2008 annual report as of August 17, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 25th day of August 2009.

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