

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

In the Matter of a Working File to	)	
Consider Central Rivers Wastewater Utility,	)	<b><u>Case No. SW-2015-0160</u></b>
Inc.'s STEP and STEG Installations	)	

**WORKGROUP'S RECOMMENDATION**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and the Office of the Public Counsel, and for their *Recommendation* in this matter hereby state:

1. The Missouri Public Service Commission opened a working file on January 12, 2015, to explore topics associated with STEP and STEG installations for Central Rivers Wastewater Utility's customers. This matter relates to an agreement between Central Rivers, the Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel contained in the *Stipulation and Agreement* approved by the Commission in SR-2014-0247, *In the Matter of Central Rivers Wastewater Utility, Inc.'s Small Company Rate Increase Request*.

2. In Central Rivers' rate case, Staff and Public Counsel addressed the matter of STEP and STEG installations by Central Rivers and the necessity that any costs related to those installations be audited. The parties to the *Stipulation* agreed to create a workgroup, composed of representatives from Staff, the Public Counsel and Central Rivers, to address tariff issues associated with the installations and to provide a recommendation for tariff changes to be implemented either prior to or during the next rate case.

3. The above-referenced parties to this matter have met several times since this docket was opened, reviewed Central Rivers' current filed tariff, and drafted for consideration alternative tariff provisions.

4. As a result of these discussions, Central Rivers intends to file its new complete tariff, reflecting the changes suggested as a result of this workshop, no later than August 7, 2015, for Commission approval.

5. In the course of discussions relating to this workshop and in the context of Case No. SC-2015-0152, a formal complaint case filed against Central Rivers by Public Counsel regarding collecting unapproved fees, the parties learned that Central Rivers may be providing services to customers outside of the geographical bounds presently defined in its tariff. This matter is presently a topic of mediation in the referenced complaint case. Upon the conclusion of that process, Staff will take whatever action is appropriate under the circumstances.

6. This *Recommendation* was sent to all parties for approval the afternoon of Wednesday July 22, 2015, and approved by Public Counsel. Staff had as yet not received a reply from Central Rivers by the time of this filing. Should Central Rivers contact Staff with any changes to be made; Staff will file an amended *Recommendation*.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff prays the Commission will accept this workgroup's recommendation as a resolution of the directive contained in the *Stipulation* of Case No. SR-2014-0247; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015, to all counsel of record.

**/s/ Whitney Payne**