

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

In the Matter of M.P.B., Inc.'s Request)	
for Increase in Annual Sewer System)	<u>File No. SR-2014-0067</u>
Operating Revenues.)	

THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S RESPONSE TO TARIFF FILING

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and for its Response to
Tariff Filing states as follows:

1. On September 9, 2013, M.P.B., Inc. (MPB), through its interim receiver Johansen Consulting Services, LLC (JCS), initiated a small company rate increase proceeding with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) requesting an increase of 100% in its regular monthly customer rates. In its filing, MPB also requested approval to submit revised tariff sheets to implement emergency/interim rates. MPB stated this request was made pursuant to an Agreement between JCS, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) Public Counsel and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), which was filed as a part of the Commission Staff's receivership petition in Case No. SO-2012-0052.
2. On September 19, 2013, MPB filed revised rate tariff sheets designed to implement interim/emergency monthly service charges. MPB requested that the revised tariff sheets be approved on less than 30-days' notice to be effective for service rendered on and after October 1, 2013.
3. On September 19, 2013, the Commission issued an Order Directing Filing requiring Staff to file either a Recommendation or a Status Report no later than September 20, 2013. The

Commission also stated that any other party who wishes to respond shall do so no later than September 20, 2013.

4. On September 20, 2013, Staff filed its Recommendation stating that Staff has reviewed the revised tariff sheets and finds they comply with the Agreement filed in SO-2014-0052. Staff recommends approval of the revised tariff sheets as soon as possible.

5. Public Counsel has reviewed the revised tariff sheets filed by MPB as well as Staff's Recommendation and believes that the revised tariff sheets conform to the Agreement between JCS, Staff, Public Counsel and DNR, which was filed as a part of the Commission Staff's receivership petition in Case No. SO-2012-0052. Therefore, Public Counsel has no objection to the revised tariff sheets filed by MPB. Additionally, Public Counsel will not oppose MPB's request that the revised tariff sheets be approved on less than 30-days' notice to be effective for service rendered on and after October 1, 2013.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully submits its Response.

Respectfully submitted,

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