

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

In the Matter of the Application of Peaceful Valley)
Service Company Request for Increase in Sewer) **File No. SR-2014-0153**
Operating Revenues.)

In the Matter of the Application of Peaceful Valley)
Service Company Request for Increase in Water) **File No. WR-2014-0154**
Operating Revenues.)

**THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL
TIME FOR REVIEW AND RESPONSE**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and for its Request for Additional Time for Review and Response states as follows:

1. On November 20, 2013, Peaceful Valley Service Company (Peaceful Valley) initiated the above stated small company rate increase proceedings with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) requesting a \$93,840 (139%) increase in its annual sewer system operating revenues. Peaceful Valley requested no increase in its annual water system operating revenues.
2. On April 21, 2014, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed in each case a *Notice of Company/Staff Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Company Rate Increase Request* (Company/Staff Agreements) indicating agreement between Staff and Peaceful Valley for an increase of \$5,125 (21%) in operating revenues for the sewer system and a decrease of \$646 (-1.71%) in operating revenues for the water system. Public Counsel did not join in the agreements.

3. Revised tariff sheets reflecting the proposed rates agreed to in the Company/Staff Agreements were filed by Peaceful Valley on April 24, 2014, bearing an effective date of June 15, 2014. Subsequently the tariffs were suspended by the Commission until August 22, 2014.
4. On July 10, 2014, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed in each case a *Corrected Notice of Updated Company/Staff Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Company Rate Increase Request* (Corrected & Updated Company/Staff Agreements) contained an updated agreement between Staff and Peaceful Valley for an increase of \$2,335 (9.57%) in operating revenues for the sewer system and a decrease of \$965 (-2.55%) in operating revenues for the water system. On that same day, Public Counsel filed its position stating that while it does not agree with the Corrected & Updated Company/Staff Agreements, Public Counsel would not oppose their approval by the Commission.
5. To date, no revised tariff sheets have been filed by Peaceful Valley to reflect the proposed rates in the Corrected & Updated Company/Staff Agreements.
6. On July 29, 2014, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Staff to Submit Report* directing the Staff Water and Sewer Department to obtain information from Peaceful Valley and submit a report on Peaceful Valley's compliance plan because members of the Commission were interested in exploring rate mechanisms that could provide funding for improvements, but wanted additional information on Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) requirements, how much money Peaceful Valley needed, and the time-frame for the improvements.
7. Staff filed its *Report* on August 15, 2014.

8. On August 20, 2014, the Commission issued its *Order Suspending Tariffs* stating that in order for the Commission to fully consider the Staff Report, the Commission would suspend the April 24, 2014, tariffs for an additional period to October 13, 2014.

9. Public Counsel now states that, like the Commission, it is currently reviewing the Staff Report. As a result, Public Counsel requests additional time to September 5, 2014, to file any necessary response.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully submits its Request.

Respectfully submitted,

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