

**M.P.B., INC.**  
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September 9, 2013

Secretary of the Commission  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
**Attn: Data Center**  
P.O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, MO 65102

RE: (1) Request for Increases in Annual Sewer System Operating Revenues Pursuant to the  
MO PSC Small Utility Rate Case Procedure (4 CSR 240-3.050)  
  
(2) Request for Implementation of Emergency/Interim Rates per Agreement in MO PSC  
Case No. SO-2014-0052

Dear Secretary:

M.P.B., Inc. (the Company) holds certificates of public convenience and necessity granted by the Missouri Public Service Commission (the Commission), under which the Company provides sewer collection and treatment services in designated service areas in Jefferson County and Franklin County, Missouri. The Company currently provides service to approximately 190 customers within its certificated areas under the provisions of its Commission-approved tariff. The Company's regular monthly customer rates were last changed in March 1994. Additionally, the Company is currently operating under the control of an interim receiver, Johansen Consulting Services, LLC (JCS), pursuant to an order of the Commission in Case No. SO-2014-0052, which became effective on September 7, 2013.

Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.050, the Commission's rule pertaining to operating revenue increase requests made by qualifying small utilities, the Company is hereby requesting a 100% increase in its regular monthly customer rates. The main reasons for the requested increase pertain to increases in the Company's routine operation and maintenance expenses, and the need to perform and recover the cost of several deferred maintenance items.

The Company understands that the design of its customer rates, its service charges, its customer service practices, its general business practices and its general tariff provisions will be reviewed during the Commission Staff's (Staff) review of the operating revenue increase requests, and may thus be the subject of Staff recommendations at the conclusion of the rate case procedure.

*In addition to the request for increases in its regular monthly sewer rates, please be advised that the Company is also requesting approval to submit revised tariff sheets to implement emergency/interim rates. This request is made pursuant to an Agreement between JCS, the Commission Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel and the Department of Natural Resources, which was filed as a part of the Commission Staff's receivership petition in Case No. SO-2012-0052.*

Regarding the provisions of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(4), please be advised that the Company is not current on the payment of its Commission annual assessments, the submission of its Commission annual reports and the submission of its annual statement of operating revenues. Further,

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please note that the Company is currently not in good standing with the Missouri Secretary of State. However, due the circumstances under which the Company is currently operating, I believe it is reasonable for the subject operating revenue increase request to proceed even with the existence of these deficiencies.

With regard to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.020(2), which requires notice to be filed with the secretary of the Commission a minimum of sixty days prior to the filing of a case that is likely to be a contested case, the Company is hereby requesting a waiver of the rule. The reason for the requested waiver is that the Company needs to have new rates take effect as soon as possible and simply cannot wait an additional sixty days to submit its operating revenue increase requests.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please contact me at your convenience if you need additional information regarding this request. You can reach me by electronic mail at [dalewjconsult@gmail.com](mailto:dalewjconsult@gmail.com) or by telephone at 573-230-3007.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Dale W. Johansen*

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