## 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 RECOMMENDATION REGARDING APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE 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) with the Commission requesting an extension from April 15, 2009, to file its 2008 annual report.
- 2. On April 23, 2009, the Commission issued its Order Granting Extension of Time to File Annual Reports allowing Central Rivers to file its annual report by July 15, 2009.
- 3. On July 21, 2009, Central Rivers filed its Application for Extension to File Annual Report requesting an extension 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.
- 4. On August 3, 2009, the Commission issued its Order Directing Staff to File Recommendation stating Staff was to file it recommendation no later then August 12, 2009, regarding the Company's application for an extension to file its annual report by July 31, 2009.
  - 5. Staff does not oppose the request of an extension until July 31, 2009.

6. However, Staff notes that Central Rivers has not yet filed its 2008 annual report. Staff must emphasize that is unreasonable for any regulated utility to withhold its annual report filing for an unknown and 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. If Central Rivers has good cause for needing more time to file, it must share that information with the Commission.

**WHEREFORE**, the Staff submits that it does not oppose Central Rivers' extension request to July 31, 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 2009.

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