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

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In the Matter of S.K. & M. Water and Sewer Company's Application for an Increase in Annual Sewer System Operating Revenues

File No. SR-2022-0239

In the Matter of S. K. & M. Water and Sewer Company's Application for an Increase in Annual Water System Operating Revenues

File No. WR-2022-0240

## JOINT RESPONSE REGARDING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, and on behalf of itself and the Office of Public Counsel ("OPC"), states the following:

1. On March 8, 2022, S. K. & M. Water and Sewer Company ("SK&M") initiated rate cases<sup>1</sup> with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") in which it requested an increase of \$4,000 in its annual water system operating revenues and \$8,000 in its annual sewer system operating revenues.

2. On March 10, 2022, Staff filed a *Rate Case Timeline* in each matter specifying due dates for the activities required by the Commission's Staff Assisted Rate Case Procedure.<sup>2</sup>

3. On March 15, 2022, the Commission filed its *Order Directing Response Regarding Local Public Hearing*, ordering the parties to suggest dates and a location for a local public hearing no later than March 22, 2022.

4. Pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-10.075(6) Staff's *Rate Case Timeline* included a local public hearing scheduled to occur no later than sixty days after

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Case Nos. SR-2022-0239 and WR-2022-0240, respectively.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 20 CSR 4240-10.075.

the opening of the cases. Staff and OPC agree that a public hearing is necessary and appropriate, and thus, propose that the Commission select one of following dates at 6:00 p.m.:

- April 21, 2022
- April 22, 2022
- April 25, 2022
- April 27, 2022
- April 28, 2022

5. Staff and OPC agree that a virtual public hearing would be the best option in this case.

6. Staff is in communication with SK&M, but SK&M has not yet agreed or objected to the dates proposed above.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays, on behalf of itself and OPC, that the Commission schedule a virtual public hearing; and grant such other and further relief as is just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

## <u>/s/ Casi Aslin</u>

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was delivered to the parties and/or their counsel of record by U.S. Postal Service postage prepaid, or by hand, or served electronically, on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2022.

<u>/s/ Casi Aslin</u>