

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)	
Kenneth Jaeger and Blue Lagoon, LLC,)	
Authorizing Kenneth Jaeger to Transfer)	<u>Case No. SM-2008-0188</u>
his Assets to Blue Lagoon, LLC, and for)	
the Establishment of a Rate.)	

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S REQUEST
FOR LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and for its Request for Local Public Hearing states as follows:

1. On December 6, 2007, Kenneth Jaeger and Blue Lagoon, LLC filed a joint application with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission), seeking the Commission's authorization to transfer Mr. Jaeger's Ralls County, Missouri, lagoon and sewer system to Blue Lagoon, LLC, to grant Blue Lagoon, LLC a certificate of convenience and necessity, and to allow Blue Lagoon, LLC to charge certain rates to its customers.

2. Public Counsel requests that a local public hearing be held in this case. The ratepayers should have an opportunity to be heard regarding Mr. Jaeger's request to authorize the transfer of the lagoon and sewer system to Blue Lagoon, LLC. These comments may be used to determine if there is any detriment or disadvantage to customers. The ratepayers also should have an opportunity to comment on the request of Blue Lagoon, LLC to grant it a certificate of convenience and necessity and authorize it to charge rates for sewer service. A local public hearing will allow Public Counsel and the Commission to assess the public sentiment and determine the public interest.

3. Public Counsel requests that the local public hearing be held during the first two weeks in March 2008, or as expeditiously as possible, consistent with adequate notice to customers and the Commission's schedule.

4. Public Counsel wishes to note that a request that the local public hearing be held on a Saturday morning has been received. The reason for this request is that this is a recreational area and the customers are not permanent residents. A Saturday local public hearing would allow those who do not live in the area to attend the local public hearing. Public Counsel states that it understands that the Commission may not be able to accommodate this request due to the Commission's schedule and the logistics of having the local public hearing available to be viewed by the public on the Commission's website.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully requests that the Commission schedule a local public hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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