

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Aqua)	
Missouri, Inc. and the City of Taos, Missouri,)	
for Authority to Acquire Certain Assets of Aqua)	<u>Case No. SO-2011-0331</u>
Missouri, Inc., and in Connection Therewith,)	
Certain Other Related Transactions.)	

STAFF’S RESPONSE TO ORDER

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through the undersigned counsel, and files this *Response to Order (Response)* with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission), respectfully stating the following:

1. On April, 7, 2011, a *Joint Application of Aqua Missouri, Inc. and the City of Taos, Missouri, for Authority to Acquire Certain Assets of Aqua Missouri, Inc., and in Connection Therewith, Certain Other Related Transactions (Joint Application)* was filed with the Commission.

2. On May 20, 2011, the Commission issued an *Order Extending Time (Order)* that granted Staff’s request for an extension of time to file its recommendation until no later than July 6, 2011.

3. On May 31, 2011, The City of Taos filed a *Supplemental Response to First Set of Staff Data Requests to City and Request for Expedited Review (Request)* because the City “needs to award the contract for the project as soon as possible, with a target date of June 10, 2011”. June 10, 2011 is ten days after the City filed its Request

4. Since the *Order*, Staff has received the City’s responses to data requests and believes it will be able to file a favorable recommendation prior to the previously requested and

granted date of July 6, 2011, but requests until June 15, 2011 as opposed to the Company's request of June 10, 2011.

5. This timeline is not mean to unduly burden any party or to unduly delay the process established for bids by the City, it is meant only to allow Staff the ability to thoroughly review and prepare its Recommendation.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this *Response* to the Commission for its information and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 3rd day of June, 2011.

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