

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

In the Matter of a Working)	
File to Consider Central Rivers)	
Wastewater Utility, Inc.'s)	<u>Case No. SW-2015-0160</u>
STEP and STEG Installations.)	

STAFF REQUEST TO CLOSE FILE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Request to Close File* in this matter hereby states:

1. The Missouri Public Service Commission opened a working file January 12, 2015, to explore topics associated with STEP and STEG installations for Central Rivers Wastewater Utility's customers. This matter related to an agreement between Central Rivers, the Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel contained in the *Stipulation and Agreement* approved by the Commission in SR-2014-0247, *In the Matter of Central Rivers Wastewater Utility, Inc.'s Small Company Rate Increase Request*.

2. In Central Rivers' rate case, Staff and Public Counsel addressed the matter of STEP and STEG installations by Central Rivers and the necessity that any costs related to those installations be audited. The parties to the *Stipulation* agreed to create a workgroup, composed of representatives from Staff, the Public Counsel and Central Rivers, to address tariff issues associated with the installations and to provide a recommendation for tariff changes to be implemented either prior to or during the next rate case.

3. The workgroup met several times and filed its recommendation on July 24, 2015. As a result of the workgroup's recommendation, Central Rivers filed its new complete tariff, reflecting the suggested changes, on August 7, 2015 for Commission approval. The tariff became effective September 6, 2015.

4. As mentioned in its *Recommendation*, in the course of discussions relating to this workshop and in the context of Case No. SC-2015-0152, a formal complaint case filed against Central Rivers by Public Counsel regarding collecting unapproved fees, the parties learned that Central Rivers may be providing services to customers outside of the geographical bounds presently defined in its tariff. This matter is presently a topic of mediation in the referenced complaint case. Upon the conclusion of that process, Staff will take whatever action is appropriate under the circumstances.

5. Staff notes that the workgroup has completed its directives set forth by the Commission's order and recognizes no further actions that need to be taken at this time.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays the Commission will accept this pleading as Staff's final step and close this docket; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 4th day of November, 2015, to all counsel of record.

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