

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

In the Matter of U.S. Water Company's)
Annual Report)

Case No. WE-2005-0368

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), through counsel, and for its recommendation, respectfully states:

1. On April 15, 2005, U.S. Water Company filed a request for an extension of over 30 days after the ordinary due date of April 15, 2005, to file its Annual Report, for an additional 90 days or July 14, 2005.

2. In support of its request, the company indicated that is attempting to assemble the information required by the Commission's form for annual reports. It anticipates being able to submit the report before the conclusion of the 90 day extension.

3. Upon reviewing U.S. Water Company's request, and pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.060(4) and 4 CSR 240-3.640, Staff has no objection to U.S. Water Company's request for an extension. However, Staff requests that the Commission's order granting an extension of time subject that grant of authority to the limitation that the company will not initiate any other actions before the Commission prior to submitting its report. If the company does initiate an action during the 90-day extension period, the company should submit its annual report at the same time as that action.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully reports that it has no objection to an Order granting U.S. Water Company an additional extension of time to file its annual report of 90 days, until July 14, 2005, and asks that the Commission direct U.S. Water Company to attach the Commission's Orders to its annual report when it submits that annual report. Moreover, Staff

requests that the company be directed that, if it initiates an action during that time period, the company submit its annual report with that action if annual report has not already been submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

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