

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

In the Matter of the Request of Middlefork)
Water Company for an Extension of Time)
for filing the Annual Report Due May 15,)
2011.) **Case No. WE-2011-0374**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and submits to the Missouri Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) its *Staff Recommendation* as follows:

1. On May 17, 2011, Middlefork Water Company (“Company”) filed an untimely request for an extension, until July 15, 2011, of the time by which it must file its Annual Report regarding its water and sewer utility services.
2. In support of its request, the Company stated that its accountant was unable to complete the report by May 15 due to the demands of business tax season.
3. On May 18, 2011, the Commission ordered the Staff to file its recommendation concerning the request for extension by no later than May 26, 2011.
4. Section 393.140 (6), RSMo 2000, requires that every corporation under the supervision of the Commission shall file an annual report. Additionally, 4 CSR 240-3.335 and 3.640, provide that sewer companies and water companies, respectively, must submit an annual report by April 15 of each year.
5. The Company’s request for extension to file its Annual Report is dated April 15, 2011, but was not received by the Commission until April 17, 2011, so the Company has not met the requirements stated in paragraph 4 above.

6. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.015 provides that a rule may be waived by the Commission for good cause.

7. Upon reviewing the Company's requests, Staff concludes that the Company has demonstrated good cause for the granting of an extension of the time to file its annual report regarding water service even though the request was received late.

8. Staff notes that the Company's Application does not comply with the requirements of Rule 4 CSR 240-2.060(1).

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this Status Report and further requests an extension until July 15, 2011, for Middlefork Water Company to file its Annual Report regarding its water utility service.

Respectfully submitted,

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