BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Staff of the Missouri Public)		
Service Commission)		
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Complainant,)		
v.)	Case No.	_WC-2011-0144
)		
Noel Water Company, Inc.)		
and Dan M. Harmon)		
)		
Respondents.)		

STAFF STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, submits the following for a Status Report of negotiations:

- 1, On June 1, 2011, the Commission issued an Order directing Staff to file a status report of this action no later than August 1, 2011. This filing is meant to comply with that Order.
- 2. On April 6, 2011, a Joint Application of Algonquin Water Resources of Missouri, LLC, d/b/a/ Liberty Water for Authority for Liberty Water to Acquire Certain Assets of Noel Water Co., Inc. and, in Connection Therewith, Certain Other Related Transactions, and, if necessary, Motion for Waiver (Joint Application) was filed with the Commission. This Joint Application was assigned as Commission Case Number WO-2011-0328.
- 3. On July 25, 2011, Staff filed a *Staff Recommendation* in Case No. WO-2011-0328 wherein Staff asserted that the *Joint Application* is not detrimental to the public interest. Staff also recommended that Liberty Water should be ordered to adopt an Emergency Plan similar to the one the Parties in this case had agreed upon. If the application is approved by the Commission, the concerns that caused Staff to file a complaint, particularly the succession of the

utility and emergency plans, may be resolved, and there may be no reason for the complaint to continue.

4. Therefore, Staff requests permission to provide a Status Report for this matter on or before October 1, 2011 to allow time to for the Commission to review and resolve the *Joint Application*.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this *Status Report* for the Commission's information and consideration and further requests permission to file a subsequent Status Report on or before October 1, 2011.

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 1st day of August, 2011.

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