

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

In the Matter of the Application of Ridge Creek)
Water Company, LLC for a Certificate of)
Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to)
Construct, Install, Own, Operate, Control,) File No. WA-2015-0182
Manage, and Maintain a Water System for the)
Public Located in an Unincorporated Area in)
Pulaski County, Missouri.)

**THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL’S RESPONSE
TO NON-UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and for its Response to Non-Unanimous Agreement, states as follows:

1. On February 4, 2015, Ridge Creek Water Company, LLC (Ridge Creek) filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) requesting that the Commission grant it a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) to construct, install, own, operate, control, manage and maintain a water system in an unincorporated area in Pulaski County, Missouri.
2. On August 17, 2015, Ridge Creek, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) filed a Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement (Non-Unanimous Agreement) presenting a resolution to all the outstanding issues in this case including proposed rates to be charged by Ridge Creek for water service.
3. Based on the terms of the Non-Unanimous Agreement, within 20 days after the effective date of an order approving Ridge Creek’s Application for a CCN, Ridge Creek is to submit for Commission approval a complete tariff including the proposed rates for water service. Ridge

Creek is also to file a general rate case within 30 days of the first anniversary of the effective date of the Commission's order approving the Non-Unanimous Agreement.

4. Public Counsel now states that while it does not necessarily agree with the annual revenue requirement used as a basis for the rates proposed for Ridge Creek, Public Counsel will not oppose the Non-Unanimous Agreement.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully submits its Response.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing were mailed, electronically mailed, or hand-delivered to all counsel of record this 24th day of August, 2015.

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