

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

In the Matter of the Application of Southtown	)	
Utilities Company, Inc. for a Certificate of	)	
Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to	)	
Construct, Install, Operate and Maintain a	)	
Water System and to Supply and Render	)	<u>Case No. WA-2005-0268 et al.</u>
Water Service to the Public Located in and	)	
around an Unincorporated Area Near Bolivar,	)	
Polk County, Missouri.	)	

**STATUS REPORT**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through Counsel, and for its *Status Report* states the following to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission").

1. On February 18, 2005, the Commission issued its *Order and Notice*, wherein, among other things, it directed Staff to file a status report, on or before March 31, 2005, regarding the date by which Staff would file its recommendation in this case.

2. Consistent with established procedures for processing water and/or sewer service area certificate application cases in which there are no interveners (no one submitted a request to intervene in this case by the established deadline of March 10, 2005), Staff plans to file its recommendation regarding the subject applications within sixty days after the intervention deadline. For this case, Staff will file its recommendation by May 9, 2005.

**WHEREFORE**, the Staff respectfully submits this *Status Report* to the Commission.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**/s/ Mary E. Weston**

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed with first class postage, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or transmitted via e-mail to all counsel and/or parties of record this 31st day of March 2005.

**/s/ Mary E. Weston**

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