

**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 AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through Counsel, and for its *Status Report and Request for Extension of Time* 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. In its March 31, 2005, *Status Report*, Staff indicated that it would file a recommendation by May 9, 2005.

3. During Staff's investigation, it was noted that the applicant still had not defined its service area to the satisfaction of Staff. Additionally, the Staff is still working with the Company to determine the customer level as well as rate base on which to design rates so that potential revenue and proposed expenses may be properly determined.

4. Staff requests an extension to June 10, 2005, so that it can obtain the data needed to make a recommendation in this case.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully submits this *Status Report and Request for Extension of Time* to the Commission.

Respectfully Submitted,

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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 5th day of May 2005.

/s/ Mary E. Weston

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