

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

In the Matter of a Working Case to )  
Investigate solutions to Problems Facing )  
Small Water and Sewer Public Utilities. )

**File No. WW-2009-0386**

**2011 STATUS UPDATE**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and submits this *2011 Status Update (Status Update)* to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) stating as follows:

1. On July 7, 2011, the Commission entered an Order directing Staff to file an annual update of all activity in this file on the first business day of each year. This filing complies with that Order.

2. Staff has had various discussions with interested Workshop participants throughout the year to discuss concerns related to the small water and sewer public utilities.

3. Staff continues to be willing to guide communication, to plan meetings, and to create a platform for the interested participants to provide input on several different issues that small water and sewer public utilities are facing. Most of these issues are complex and require multiple discussions to determine if an amicable resolution exists.

4. Staff asserts that these issues should be addressed in this docket as timing allows for all interested participants and to ensure efficient use of Commission's resources.

**WHEREFORE**, the Staff respectfully submits this *Status Update* for the Commission's information and consideration and respectfully request this matter remain open and further requests permission to file a yearly status update for 2012 by the first working day of 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or by electronic mail to all counsel of record on this 30th day of December, 2011.

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