



be equal to the average of the additional revenue received in each of the preceding three years. However, a city or county may maintain the tax rate of its business license tax on the gross receipts of utility corporations without reduction if an ordinance to maintain the tax rate is enacted by the governing body of the city or an order to maintain the tax rate is issued by the governing body of the county after September 28, 1985. The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to rate adjustments in the purchase price of natural gas which are approved by the commission.

2. On August 20, 2014, the Commission issued its *Order Approving Tariff and Incorporating Disposition Agreement* in each of the above cases. In Case No. WR-2014-0104, the increase approved was 19.21%; in Case No. SR-2014-0105, the increase approved was 22.61%. Therefore, by the terms of the Commission's order of August 13, 2014, Staff must file a response containing certain information.

3. Terre Du Lac Utility Corporation operates in St. Francois and Washington Counties; it does not operate within any municipality. Upon investigation, Staff has determined that Terre Du Lac Utilities Corporation does not operate in any city or county that imposes a business license tax upon the gross receipts of utility corporations. Therefore, the Commission need not make the notification required by § 393.275.1, RSMo., with respect to the rate increases approved in these cases.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff prays that the Commission will accept its *Response*; and grant such other and further relief as is just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served, by hand delivery, electronic mail, or First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, to all parties of record on the Service List maintained for this case by the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission, **on this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2014.**

**/s/ Kevin A. Thompson**