BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Moore) Bend Water Company, Inc. and Moore Bend) Water Utility, LLC for Authority of Moore Bend) Water Company, Inc. to Sell Certain Assets to) Moore Bend Water Utility, LLC Sewer)

Case No. WM-2012-0335

STAFF'S STATUS UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and for its *Status Update and Recommendation*, hereby states:

1. On April 11, 2012, Moore Bend Water Company, Inc. (MBWC) and Moore Bend Water Utility, LLC (MBWU), filed a joint application for approval of the sale of certain assets from MBWC to MBWU.

2. On April 12, 2013, the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) issued an *Order Directing Filing of Application for Certificate of Convenience and Necessity*, which directed MBWU to file an application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN).

3. On April 24, 2013, the Commission issued an *Order Authorizing Transfer of Assets*, which was to be effective concurrently with the effective date of an order from the Commission granting MBWU a CCN.

4. Staff has been in periodic contact with MBWU and MBWC during the five months since the Commission issued its orders and believes the two entities are now in a position to effectuate the transfer of assets by having MBWU file an application for a CCN. However, despite Staff's encouragement, MBWU has not done so.

5. Staff has gathered no information from MBWU indicating it would be unable to file an application for a CCN by September 30, 2013.

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WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully recommends the Commission order Moore Bend Water Utility, LLC to file its application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity or, in the alternative, a status report explaining why it is unable to do so, by September 30, 2013.

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 electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 16th day of September, 2013.

<u>/s/ Amy E. Moore</u>