

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

In the Matter of a Proposed Rule(s) to Implement)
the Provisions of Section 393.146, RSMo) Case No. WX-2006-0005

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 January 4, 2006, the Commission issued its **Order Directing Status Report** in this case, wherein it directed the Staff to file a report regarding the status of the case no later than January 20, 2006.

2. In compliance with the above-noted order, the Staff reports that it has made some, but not substantial, progress in the development of the rules that are the subject of this case due to the press of other business, specifically including the various situations involving Osage Water Company and Environmental Utilities, the small company rate case rulemaking project, several small water and sewer company rate increase requests, and other water and sewer utility cases before the Commission.

3. The Staff will continue to work on the subject rules, as time permits, with the goal of having draft rules available for the Commission to review on or before March 31, 2006.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully submits this Status Report for the Commission's information and consideration in this case.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of this Status Report 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 20th day of January 2006.

/s/ Keith R. Krueger