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**Emerald Pointe Utility Company, Inc.**  
118 State Drive  
Hollister, MO 65672

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**UTILITY OPERATIONS  
DIVISION**

Secretary of the Commission  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
**Attn: Data Center**  
P.O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, MO 65102

**RE: Requests for Increases in Annual Sewer and Water System Operating Revenues  
MO PSC Small Utility Rate Case Procedure**

Dear Secretary:

Emerald Pointe Utility Company, Inc. (the Company) holds certificates of public convenience and necessity granted by the Missouri Public Service Commission (the Commission), under which the Company provides sewer collection and treatment services and water supply and distribution services in Taney County, Missouri. The Commission first authorized the Company to provide regulated sewer and water utility services in May 1996. The Company currently provides service to approximately 380 sewer customers and 380 water customers within its certificated areas under the provisions of its Commission-approved tariffs. The Company's customer rates for sewer service and water service were both last changed in May 2000.

Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.050, the Commission's rule pertaining to operating revenue increase requests made by qualifying small utilities, the Company is hereby requesting an increase of \$186,000 in its annual sewer system operating revenues and an increase of \$13,000 in its annual water system operating revenues. Based upon current customer rates and customer numbers, these increases represent changes of approximately 194% in the Company's annual sewer system operating revenues and approximately 10% in the Company's annual water system operating revenues. The Company understands that the design of its customer rates, its service charges, its customer service practices, its general business practices and its general tariff provisions will also be reviewed during the Commission Staff's review of the operating revenue increase requests, and may thus be the subject of Staff recommendations at the conclusion of the revenue increase process.

The specific reasons for the requested increases in the Company's annual operating revenues for sewer service include changes in: utility plant investment; operation and maintenance expenses; the Commission's annual utility assessments; the Department of Natural Resources' annual sewer discharge permit fees; and the number and type of customers served.

The specific reasons for the requested increases in the Company's annual operating revenues for water service include changes in: utility plant investment; operation and maintenance expenses; the Commission's annual utility assessments; and the number and type of customers served.

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Lastly, I wish to advise you that the Company is current on the payment of its Commission annual assessments and the filing of its Commission annual reports, and that the Company will remain current on these items during this small company operating revenue increase procedure.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please contact me at your convenience if you need additional information regarding this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gary W. Snadon".

Gary W. Snadon  
President

Copies: Jim Russo – Commission Staff  
Christina Baker– Office of the Public Counsel