BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of MRG Utilities, LLC's)	
Application for a Certificate of)	
Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it)	File No. WA-2025-0090
to Own, Operate, Maintain, Control, and)	
Manage Water and Sewer Systems in)	
Stone County, Missouri)	
)	

STAFF STATUS REPORT AND MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE ITS RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, and for its *Status Report and Motion for Extension of Time to File its Recommendation* states as follows:

- 1. On September 12, 2024, MRG Utilities, LLC ("MRG") filed an *Application* for a Water and Sewer Certificate of Convenience and Necessity and Motion for Waivers with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to Sections 393.140 and 393.170 RSMo and Commission Rules 20 CSR 4240-2.060, 20 CSR 4240-3.305, and 20 CSR 4240-3.600.
- 2. The Commission issued its *Order Directing Staff to File a Recommendation* and *Setting Time for Responses* on October 3, 2024, directing Staff to file a recommendation regarding MRG's application no later than January 6, 2025.
- 3. On October 11, 2024, Staff filed a *Motion for Consolidation* of cases WA-2025-0090 and SA-2025-0091 into one case. The Commission granted this motion on November 22, 2024, consolidating both cases under File No. WA-2025-0090.
- 4. Staff believes an extension is necessary for multiple reasons:

 1). internal issues within MRG resulted in its delayed response to a round of Staff's Data Requests ("DR's"); 2). Staff issued an additional round of DR's on December 17th, 2024,

and the current filing date will not allow Staff to properly review these responses; and 3). Staff is meeting with MRG regarding this case on January 7, 2024 (one day after the current filing date). Additional DR's may need to be issued by Staff as a result of this meeting.

5. As such, Staff requests an extension until Monday, March 3, 2025, to file its Recommendation in this matter. Staff will endeavor to file sooner, if possible.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this *Status Report and Motion for Extension of Time to File its Recommendation*, and recommends the Commission issue an order directing Staff to submit its recommendation or an alternate pleading no later than Monday, March 3, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record this 2nd day of January, 2025.

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