

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

In the Matter of a Requested Rate Increase)
for Annual Sewer Operating Revenues by) **File No. SR-2014-0166**
Hickory Hills Water & Sewer)

In the Matter of a Requested Rate Increase)
for Annual Water Operating Revenues by) **File No. WR-2014-0167**
Hickory Hills Water & Sewer)

NOTICE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and hereby files its *Notice* regarding the Initial Customer Notice mailed to customers in this proceeding, stating:

1. On December 2, 2013, Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Company (“Hickory Hills” or “Company”) filed with the Commission a letter requesting Commission approval of an increase of \$6,248 in its annual sewer system operating revenues and an increase in its annual water system operating revenues of \$4,525, pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050, Small Utility Rate Case Procedure. The Company’s requests for its sewer and water operations were assigned Commission Case Nos. SR-2014-0166 and WR-2014-0167, respectively.

2. Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(7), Staff must file a copy of the initial customer notice the utility mails to its customers as part of its small company rate increase request.

3. Hickory Hills mailed its Initial Customer Notice on January 16, 2014.

4. In compliance with Rule 240-3.050, Staff hereby submits the Initial Customer Notice mailed to Hickory Hills' customers, attached as Appendix A and incorporated herein by reference.

WHEREFORE, Staff files this *Notice* stating the attached Initial Customer Notice is hereby submitted in compliance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(7).

/s/ Akayla J. Jones

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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 23rd day of January, 2014.

/s/ Akayla J. Jones

INITIAL CUSTOMER NOTICE

January 16, 2014

Dear Customer:

On December 2, 2013, Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Company (Company) submitted a request for increases in its annual water and sewer operating revenues to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission). The reasons for the increases are to cover increases in expenses and/or investments in the Company's facilities.

By its request, the Company is seeking changes to its customer rates intended to generate an increase in its annual sewer operating revenues of \$6,248 (approximately 25.00%) and an increase in its annual water operating revenues of \$4,525 (approximately 25.00%), respectively. At the end of this notice is a table that compares the Company's current residential customer rates and the proposed residential rates at 6,000 gallons usage.

To provide comments regarding the Company's revenue increase request, or comments regarding service-related problems, please contact the Commission Staff and/or the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) *within 30 days of the date of this notice*. Your comments should include a reference to case numbers SR-2014-0166 and/or WR-2014-0167. The Commission Staff and the Public Counsel will review all customer comments submitted in response to this notice. All comments will be filed in the official case file for review by the Commissioners.

To submit your comments in writing:

Public Service Commission
Attn: Water/Sewer Dept.
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102
Phone: 800-392-4211
Fax: 573-751-1847
E-Mail: water.sewer@psc.mo.gov

Office of the Public Counsel
Attn: Water/Sewer Dept.
P.O. Box 2230
Jefferson City, MO 65102
Phone: 866-922-2959
Fax: 573-751-5562
E-Mail: mopco@ded.mo.gov

To submit your comments via the Commission's Website:

- (1) Go to <http://www.psc.mo.gov>;
- (2) Click on the box on the lower middle of the page entitled "Comments: How to Make Your Voice Heard".
- (3) From this page click on the "submit comment" link found under "Submit Comments in Writing"; and
- (4) Fill out and submit the Public Comments form, including the case number shown above. If you want to attach a document, before clicking the "Submit" button, click the "Attach" button. There are instructions on that page for attaching the document and returning to the previous screen.
- (5) Click the "Submit" button at the bottom of the page.

If you have any questions about this notice, or about anything else with which I may be of assistance, please feel free to contact me at (660) 885-6914.

Sincerely,

Gary V. Cover
Court Appointed Receiver

<u>Type of Charge</u>	<u>Current Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Amount of Rate Change</u>
Monthly Minimum Water Charge	\$20.47	\$25.79	\$5.32
Usage per 1,000 gallons	\$4.06	\$5.07	\$1.04
Total Monthly Water Bill (6,000 gal.)	\$44.83	\$56.21	\$11.38
Monthly Sewer Charge	\$42.50	\$53.13	\$10.63