

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

In the Matter of the Highway H Utilities,)
Inc.'s Small Sewer Company Rate Increase)
Request.)

Case No. SR-2009-0392

In the Matter of the Highway H Utilities,)
Inc.'s Small Water Company Rate Increase)
Request.)

Case No. WR-2009-0393

**THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S REQUEST FOR
ADDITIONAL TIME TO MAIL LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and for its Request for Additional Time to Mail Local Public Hearing Notice states as follows:

1. On November 12, 2009, in its *Order Suspending Tariffs and Setting Hearings*, the Missouri Public Service Commission granted Public Counsel's request for a local public hearing in this matter. In its *Order*, the Commission stated:

6. On December 1, 2009, Highway H Utilities, Inc. shall mail notice of this hearing consistent with this order; said notice being approved by the Staff of the Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel before it is mailed, as required by Commission rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(18). Staff shall file a copy of the notice in this docket.

2. Since Public Counsel's request for a local public hearing, the parties have been engaged in discussions to come to a resolution in this matter. In response to these continuing discussions, Public Counsel now requests that the Commission grant additional time for the mailing of the local public hearing notice.

3. Upon discussion with the other parties, it has been suggested that allowing the local public hearing notice to be mailed no later than December 4, 2009 would allow sufficient notice

to the customers and would still allow the notice to be included in the regular customer bill, thereby preventing any additional postage expense.

4. Public Counsel has been in contact with the other parties on this matter and now states that no party has an objection to Public Counsel's request.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully requests that the Commission grant its request for additional time to mail the local public hearing notice to no later than December 4, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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