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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Rate Increase Request of)
the Spokane Highlands Water Company under the) Case No. WR-2000-349
Small Company Rate Increase Procedure.)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

On November 24, 1999, the Spokane Highlands Water Company (Company) filed its request for a rate increase under 4 CSR 240-2.200. This rule provides a procedure for small companies, as defined in the rule, to obtain the Commission's approval for a rate increase. The Company's filing includes a cover letter, proposed tariffs with a December 30, 1999, effective date, and a written agreement concerning the additional revenue requirements that has been executed by the Company, the Office of the Public Counsel and the Commission's Staff.

The Company initiated its request on December 23, 1998, and indicates that it has consented to the extension of the usual 150-day period allowed under the rule to reach this agreement.

The agreement indicates that Staff will file additional information concerning this matter and that the Commission need not act on the proposed tariffs pending the Staff filing. However, to avoid any confusion concerning the effective date of the tariffs the Commission will direct filing of the Staff response. If additional time is subsequently needed to consider this matter the tariffs may be suspended. In addition

to other matters that the Staff intends to address, Staff should describe any communications concerning public input in this matter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file its recommendation regarding the agreement and proposed tariffs of the Spokane Highlands Water Company, no later than 4:00 p.m., December 20, 1999.

2. That the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission include in its recommendation a description of any communications concerning public input in this matter.

3. That this order shall become effective on December 6, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Keith Thornburg, Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1)
(November 30, 1995) and
Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 6th day of December, 1999.