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## STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 7th day of March, 1995.

## ORDER AND NOTICE SETTING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

On March 1, 1995, Helms Environmental Services, Inc., (Helms), receiver and operator of a public sewer service known as Bill Gold Investments and located in the village addition of Battlefield, Greene County, Missouri, filed a tariff with the Commission proposing to raise the service rate from a current flat rate of \$14.70 to a flat rate of \$28.00. This constitutes a request for approximately a 90% rate increase.

On March 1, 1995, the Office of Public Counsel filed a request for a public hearing in regard to this proposed rate increase, and as the result of numerous service complaints both before and after the service was placed in receivership.

The Commission finds it would be in the best interest of the public to hold such a hearing. The Commission finds that City Hall Council Chambers, Room 315, 830 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri, would be an appropriate location for said hearing.

The Commission further finds that notice of this public hearing should be made by the Information Office of the Commission who will send notice of this public hearing to newspapers and other media which serve the Greene County area as listed in the Newspaper Directory

of the current Official Manual of the State of Missouri and to the members of the General Assembly representing the Greene County service area; the Records Department of the Commission shall send a copy of this notice to the County Commissioners of Greene County.

The Commission finds that notice of this public hearing should be made by Helms Environmental Services to each current customer. This should include the time, date and location of the hearing, and should be in the form as set out in ordered Paragraph No. 2.

In addition, as the result of the effective date of the proposed tariff being April 16, 1995, all parties will file statements regarding their positions in this matter and/or all appropriate motions no later than 3:00 p.m., April 7, 1995.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That a local public hearing will be held in this matter on March 23, 1995, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Room 315, City Hall, 830 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri.
- 2. That Helms Environmental Services is hereby directed to deliver by mail or other method the following notice to each current customer:

## NOTICE BY ORDER OF THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

On March 1, 1995, Helms Environmental Services, receiver and operator of Bill Gold Investments, a sewer service, filed with the Commission tariffs reflecting increased rates for water service provided to customers in the Village Addition, Battlefield, Missouri service area. The effect of the proposed general rate increase would be to raise the bill of the typical residential customer by an average of \$13.30 per month.

A public hearing is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., March 23, 1995, at the Council Chambers of City

Hall, Room 315, 830 Boonville, Springfield, Missouri. If you wish to comment or secure information, you may contact John Coffman, Assistant Public Counsel, Office of Public Counsel, P.O. Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (314) 751-4857.

If any person has special needs as addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act, please contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services' Hotline -- 1-800-392-4211, or TDD Hotline -- 1-800-829-7541.

- 3. That all parties to this action will file all motions and/or position statements no later than 3:00 p.m., April 7, 1995.
  - 4. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

David L. Rauch Executive Secretary

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McClure, Perkins, Kincheloe, and Crumpton, CC., Concur. Mueller, Chm., Absent.