

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

The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission,)	
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)	
Complainant,)	
)	Case No. WC-2007-0042
v.)	
)	
Mike Ward,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

MOTION TO CONTINUE PREHEARING CONFERENCE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel and moves the Commission for an Order continuing the prehearing conference in this case:

1. This matter is scheduled for a prehearing conference on Monday, November 13, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.

2. Contemporaneously with this case, the Staff sought a restraining order and injunction against the Respondent in the Circuit Court for Stone County, Missouri, enjoining him from disconnecting water services to residential customers. A preliminary injunction was entered in the Circuit Court case effective until March 23, 2007, the date for hearing on Staff's petition for declaratory judgment and permanent injunction.

3. The undersigned and Pat Sullivan, attorney for respondent, are engaged in ongoing negotiations regarding the disposition of this Commission case and the State Court case. Both parties agree that a resolution is sought and that further action in the Commission complaint case may not be necessary.

4. Counsel for Respondent and Staff request that the Commission continue the prehearing conference until a date in January, 2007. At that time, the parties can advise the Commission of their progress and finalize a procedural schedule if necessary.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays for a continuance of the prehearing conference until January, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been sent vial U.S. Mail or electronic mail to J. Patrick Sullivan, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 2175, Branson West, MO 65737 this 8th day of November, 2006.

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