

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Central Jefferson)
County Utilities, Inc., for an Order Authorizing the)
Transfer and Assignment of Certain Water and) **Case No. SO-2007-0071, et al.**
Sewer Assets to Jefferson County Public Sewer)
District and in Connection Therewith, Certain Other)
Related Transactions)

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: November 21, 2006

Effective Date: November 21, 2006

On August 15, 2006, Central Jefferson County Utilities, Inc. ("Central Jefferson") filed two identically captioned applications seeking authorization to transfer and assign certain assets of its water and sewer operations to the Jefferson County Public Sewer District ("Sewer District"). To facilitate the proceedings, the Commission consolidated these cases, designating Case No. SO-2007-0071 as the lead case. An evidentiary hearing is currently set in this matter for December 19 and 20, 2006.

On November 21, 2006, Central Jefferson filed a motion for a protective order. Central Jefferson states that they anticipate that forthcoming data requests will require it to provide competitive pricing information and technical, financial and business information of a confidential or proprietary nature. Additionally, Central Jefferson anticipates that other requested information or testimony may contain customer-specific information, competitive pricing information, trade secrets and confidential technical, financial and business information. Central Jefferson asserts that public disclosure of this information may harm

its interests, and that none of this information currently can be found in any format in a public document. Consequently, Central Jefferson moves the Commission to issue its standard protective order containing the classifications of “highly confidential” and “proprietary.”

The Commission finds that there is a need to protect confidential information, and the request for a protective order to maintain confidentiality is reasonable. The Commission has previously recognized the need to protect confidential information, and protective orders have helped minimize disputes in past cases. Therefore, the Commission concludes that a protective order should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion for Protective Order filed by Central Jefferson County Utilities, Inc., is granted, and the protective order attached to this order as Attachment A is adopted.
2. This order shall become effective on November 21, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Harold Stearley, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 21st day of November, 2006.