BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Ozark Meadows, Aqua Development Company, dba Aqua Missouri, Inc. Request for Increase in Annual Sewer System Operating Revenues MPC Sewer Utility Small Company Rate Increase Procedures)))
In the Matter of Aqua RU, Inc. d/b/a Aqua Missouri Request for Increase in Annual Water System Operating Revenues MPSC Water Utility Small Company Rate Increase))
In the Matter of Aqua Missouri, Inc (CU) Request for Increase in Annual Sewer System Operating Revenue MPSC Sewer Utility Small Company Rate Increase Procedures))
In the Matter of Aqua Missouri, Inc (CU) Request for an Increase in the Annual Water System Operating Revenues MPSC Water Utility Small Company Rate Increase Procedures))

NOTICE REGARDING TIMELINES

Issue Date: November 24, 2009

These matters were filed pursuant to the Commission's Small Utility Rate Case Procedure rule (4 CSR 240-3.050) on July 15, 2009. Several complaint actions have now been instituted by the Commission's Staff in relation to Staff's auditing and investigation for the rate cases. Given the developing posture of these matters, it is unclear to the Commission at this time if these matters will become contested or if any party may request evidentiary hearings.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(24) provides:

The proposed full resolution of a small utility rate case must be <u>finally</u> <u>presented</u> to the commission no later than nine (9) months after the case is opened, <u>regardless of how it is presented</u>, and the commission's

decision and order regarding the case shall be issued and effective no later than eleven (11) months after the case was opened. (Emphasis added).

Because these matters were initiated on July 15, 2009, their presentation to the Commission, regardless of how presented, must be complete no later than April 15, 2010. The parties are put on notice that if evidentiary hearings are requested, the hearings must be complete, the evidence closed, and the transcripts and briefs submitted to the Commission no later than April 15, 2010. The parties shall plan any suggestions for procedural schedules accordingly.

BY THE COMMISSION

(SEAL)

Steven C. Reed Secretary

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 24th day of November, 2009.

Stearley, Senior Regulatory Law Judge