

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

In the Matter of a Requested Rate Increase for)
Annual Sewer Operating Revenues by Hickory) File No. SR-2014-0166
Hills Water & Sewer.)

In the Matter of a Requested Rate Increase for)
Annual Water Operating Revenues by Hickory) File No. WR-2014-0167
Hills Water & Sewer.)

**THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL’S REQUEST
FOR AMENDED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and for its Request for Amended Procedural Schedule states as follows:

1. On August 22, 2014, Public Counsel requested that the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) hold an evidentiary hearing in these cases.

2. On August 27, 2014, the Commission granted Public Counsel’s request and set a procedural schedule including setting the evidentiary hearing for September 29 to October 2, 2014.

3. The below-signed counsel for Public Counsel is unavailable September 29 through October 1, 2014. As a result, Public Counsel requests that the Commission adopt the following amended procedural schedule:

- Rebuttal Testimony: September 12, 2014
- Surrebuttal Testimony: September 19, 2014
- Evidentiary Hearing: October 2-3, 2014
- Briefs: October 15, 2014

4. Because Public Counsel is aware of the Commission's concerns regarding the timeframe for processing these cases, Public Counsel contacted the other parties to this case regarding this request to amend the procedural schedule. Counsel for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has indicated that DNR has no objection to Public Counsel's request. However at this time, Public Counsel has received no response from Hickory Hills or Staff.

5. Given no indication to the contrary, Public Counsel believes that this request will not prejudice the remaining parties or the Commission. The Commission's calendar is currently open for an October 2-3, 2014, hearing and Public Counsel's request merely extends the hearing date one day beyond where the hearing is currently scheduled. Two days should be more than sufficient for the limited number of issues to be taken up at the evidentiary hearing and it is possible the hearing will conclude as planned on October 2, 2014. The amended schedule also allows additional time for filing testimony and with the filing date of briefs remaining on the October 15, 2014, the case will be submitted to the Commission on exactly the same day.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully requests that the Commission grant its request and adopt the amended procedural schedule as presented above.

Respectfully submitted,

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