

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

In the Matter of Requested Rate Increase)	
for Annual Sewer Operating Revenues by)	<u>Case No. SR-2014-0166</u>
Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Company)	

In the Matter of Requested Rate Increase)	
for Annual Water Operating Revenues by)	<u>Case No. WR-2014-0167</u>
Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Company)	

STAFF'S RESPONSE TO ORDER

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through undersigned counsel, and submits *Staff's Response to Order*, with the Missouri Public Service Commission. In support thereof, Staff respectfully states as follows:

1. On December 2, 2013, Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Company ("Hickory Hills") filed an application with the Commission to increase its annual water and sewer operating revenues.

2. On March 17, 2014, Hickory Hills requested an emergency rate increase "to address the specific need to pump and haul contaminated wastewater from the lagoon to a permitted facility capable of accepting and treating the contaminated wastewater."¹

3. On March 18, 2014, the Commission ordered Staff to file a response to Hickory Hills request by March 21, 2014, setting forth the date on which Staff can file a recommendation in the matter.

4. To ensure adequate investigation, Staff requests until April 4, 2014 to file its recommendation.

¹ EFIS Item No. 14, *Request for Emergency Rate Increase*.

WHEREFORE, Staff submits *Staff's Response to Order* for the Commission's information and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed with first-class postage, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 20th day of March, 2014.

/s/ Akayla J. Jones