

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

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

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

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through the undersigned counsel, and files this *Motion for Extension of Time to File Staff's Recommendation* with the Missouri Public Service Commission stating as follows:

1. On December 2, 2013, Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Company ("Hickory Hills") filed with the Missouri Public Service Commission a letter requesting Commission approval of an increase in its annual sewer and water system operating revenues, pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050, Small Utility Rate Case Procedure.

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. By Commission Order dated March 20, 2014, Staff is required to file a recommendation regarding the emergency request by April 4, 2014.

4. Subsequent to Hickory Hills' request, Staff has met with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Attorney General's Office, the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC), and Gary Cover, the receiver of Hickory Hills to discuss the request.

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

Staff has been working diligently with the other parties towards a temporary solution that will meet the needs of Hickory Hills, benefit the ratepayers to the extent possible, and meet DNR's discharge requirements. However, due to the complexity of the issues involved in investigating treatment options and the short time frame for Staff to perform a thorough analysis, Staff respectfully requests the Commission grant it an extension to file its recommendation regarding the request until April 7, 2014.

WHEREFORE, Staff files this *Motion for Extension of Time to File Staff's Recommendation* with which it requests the Commission grant it an extension until April 7, 2014 to file its recommendation or until such time the Commission deems sufficient.

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 4th day of April, 2014.

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