

**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 RESPONSE

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and for its Response states as follows:

1. On September 9, 2014, the Commission issued an *Order Setting Time To Respond* requiring any response to the Hickory Hills Water & Sewer (Hickory Hills) *Motion to Reschedule Evidentiary Hearing and Motion for Corresponding Change in Scheduling Order*, and to the proposed hearing date of September 26, 2014, to be filed no later than September 12, 2014, at noon.

2. The below-signed counsel for Public Counsel is unavailable September 26, 2014.

3. In order to assist the Commission in setting a date for the evidentiary hearing, the below-signed counsel provides the following list which contains both unavailable dates and available dates after September 17, 2014, which is the current date for filing surrebuttal testimony, through the end of October 2014:

- September 18-19: Unavailable – EPA Lead/Copper Rule Workgroup, Washington, DC
- September 22-23: Available

- September 24: Unavailable¹ - ER-2014-0351 Prehearing Conference & WO-2014-0340/SO-2014-0341 Local Public Hearing, Cape Girardeau
- September 25: Unavailable a.m.² – Return from Cape Girardeau
- September 26: Unavailable – Denver, CO
- September 29-October 1: Unavailable – Water Research Foundation Mtg, Denver, CO
- October 2-3: Available
- October 6-10: Available
- October 13: Unavailable – State Holiday
- Remaining dates in October: Available

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully submits its Response.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ These potentially could be covered by another Public Counsel attorney if necessary.

² Id.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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