

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Co.'s) **Case No. SR-2006-0249**
Request for a Small Company Rate Increase) **Tariff No. YS-2006-0448**

**ORDER ADDING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
AS A PARTY AND DIRECTING A RESPONSE**

Issue Date: December 29, 2005

Effective Date: December 29, 2005

On December 12, 2005, Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Co., Inc., filed a proposed tariff that will increase its sewer service rates. The tariff carries an effective date of February 1, 2006. Hickory Hills filed a letter indicating that it has reached an agreement with the Staff of the Commission regarding disposition of its small company rate increase request. The Commission would like input from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) about whether Hickory Hills is in compliance with DNR's requirements. Therefore, DNR will be added as a party and the Commission will direct it to file a pleading addressing Hickory Hills' compliance with DNR rules.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Missouri Department of Natural Resources is added as a party to this case.
2. That the Missouri Department of Natural Resources is directed to file a pleading on or before January 13, 2006, explaining whether Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Company is in compliance with DNR's sewer operations requirements.

3. That this order shall become effective on December 29, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Steven C. Reed, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 29th day of December, 2005.