

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

The Office of the Public Counsel,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>File No. SC-2015-0152</u>
)	
Central Rivers Wastewater Utility, Inc.)	
)	
Respondent.)	
)	
CERTIFIED MAIL)	

**ORDER GIVING NOTICE OF CONTESTED CASE, DIRECTING RESPONDENT
TO FILE ANSWER AND DIRECTING STAFF INVESTIGATION**

Issue Date: December 30, 2014

Effective Date: December 30, 2014

On December 24, 2014, the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”) filed a complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission against Central Rivers Wastewater Utility, Inc. (“Central Rivers”). A copy of the complaint accompanies this notice. This is a contested case¹ pursuant to Section 386.390, RSMo 2000.

The Commission will set a deadline for Central Rivers to file an answer. In the alternative, Central Rivers may file a written request that the complaint be referred to a neutral third-party mediator for voluntary mediation of the complaint. Upon receipt of a request for mediation, the 30-day time period shall be tolled while the Commission ascertains whether or not OPC is also willing to submit to voluntary mediation. If OPC agrees to mediation, the time period within which an answer is due shall be suspended

¹ A “[c]ontested case’ means a proceeding before an agency in which legal rights, duties or privileges of specific parties are required by law to be determined after hearing.” Section 536.010.4, RSMo Supp. 2013.

pending the resolution of the mediation process. Additional information regarding the mediation process is enclosed. If OPC declines the opportunity to seek mediation, Central Rivers will be notified in writing that the tolling has ceased and will also be notified of the date by which an answer or notice of satisfaction must be filed. That period will usually be the remainder of the original 30-day period.

As required by Section 536.067(2)(f), RSMo 2000, the Commission informs the parties that the Commission's provisions governing procedures before the Commission, including provisions relating to discovery, are found at Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.090. The Commission will also set a deadline for its Staff to file a report on the complaint.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send, by certified mail, a copy of this notice and order and a copy of the complaint to Central Rivers at:

ATTN: Legal Department
Central Rivers Wastewater Utility, Inc.
P.O. Box 528
Kearney, MO 64060

2. Central Rivers shall file an answer to this complaint or request for mediation no later than January 29, 2014, and serve a copy upon OPC. All pleadings (the answer, the notice of satisfaction of complaint or request for mediation) shall be filed using the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System ("EFIS").

3. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a report with the Commission no later than February 5, 2014.

4. The Commission's Data Center shall send a copy of this notice and the Commission's procedural rules, 4 CSR 240-2, to the Complainant.

5. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Kim S. Burton, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 30th day of December, 2014.