

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

In the Matter of Hickory Hills Water &	)	
Sewer Company, Inc. Small Company Rate	)	<u>Case No. SR-2009-0154</u>
Increase.	)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING TARIFF FILING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and for its Staff Recommendation Regarding Tariff Filing states the following:

1. On October 23, 2008, the Missouri Public Service Commission (the Commission) received a Rate Increase Request Letter from Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Co., Inc. (Hickory Hills or the Company) requesting the Commission authorize a 100% increase in its annual operating revenues.

2. On July 7, 2009, Staff, Hickory Hills, and the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) filed a Notice of Unanimous Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Sewer Company Revenue Increase Request (Unanimous Agreement).

3. On July 8, 2009, the Commission issued its Order Approving Unanimous Agreement, approving the Unanimous Agreement and authorizing Hickory Hills to file tariffs in compliance with the terms thereof.

4. On July 9, 2009, Hickory Hills filed revised tariff sheets with an effective date of August 10, 2009. This filing was submitted in Tariff File Number YS-2009-0825.

5. Subsequently on July 9, 2009, the Commission issued its Order Directing Filing and Setting Deadlines, ordering Staff to file a recommendation as to the tariff revisions by July 17, 2009.

6. James M. Russo, Rate and Tariff Examination Supervisor, has examined Hickory Hills' revised tariff sheets, P.S.C. MO. No. 2, 3rd Revised Sheet No. 4, Canceling 2nd Revised

Sheet No. 4 and P.S.C. MO. No. 2, 2nd Revised Sheet No. 5, Canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. 5, and notes that the tariff revisions reflect the agreed-upon rate increase and should be allowed to take effect no later than August 10, 2009. See *Russo Affidavit*, attached hereto.

7. The Commission has the authority to approve the subject proposed tariff revisions in accordance with Sections 393.140 (11) and 393.150 RSMo (2000).

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission issue an order approving the following proposed revised tariff sheets currently pending in Tariff File No. YS-2009-0825, to be effective no later than August 10, 2009:

P.S.C. MO. No. 2, 3rd Revised Sheet No. 4, Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 4, and

P.S.C. MO. No. 2, 2nd Revised Sheet No. 5, Canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. 5.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 14th day of July, 2009.

/s/ Eric Dearmont

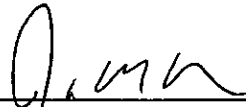
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AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES M. RUSSO

STATE OF MISSOURI)
COUNTY OF COLE)

Case No. SR-2009-0154

James M. Russo, of lawful age, on his oath states: (1) that he is the Rate and Tariff Examination Supervisor in the Water and Sewer Department of the Missouri Public Service Commission; (2) that he reviewed and examined the revised tariff sheets filed by Hickory Hills Water & sewer Company, Inc. on July 9, 2009; (3) that he has knowledge of the matters set forth in the foregoing tariff sheets; (4) that the matters set forth in the foregoing tariff sheets are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief; and (5) that to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, the revised tariff sheets comply with the Missouri Public Service Commission's *Order Approving Unanimous Disposition Agreement and Authorizing Tariff Filing* issued and effective July 10, 2009.



James M. Russo
Rate and Tariff Examination Supervisor
Water & Sewer Department
Utility Operations Division

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of July 2009.


Notary Public

SUSAN L. SUNDERMEYER
My Commission Expires
September 21, 2010
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