

**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 CONSENT TO DISMISSAL AND  
REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and for its Consent to Dismissal and Request for Suspension of Procedural Schedule states as follows:

1. On September 16, 2014, Hickory Hills Water & Sewer (Hickory Hills) filed a Withdrawal of Request for Rate Increase in Annual Sewer and Water System Operating Revenues in the above stated cases.
2. Also on September 16, 2014, the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) issued an *Order Directing Filing* directing each party other than Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Company to file a response stating whether the responding party consents to dismissal of these actions by noon on September 18, 2014.
3. Public Counsel now states that it consents to the dismissal of both of the above stated rate cases as requested by Hickory Hills.
4. Public Counsel also notes that the Procedural Schedule ordered by the Commission in these cases contemplates Surrebuttal Testimony to be filed on September 17, 2014, which is before the deadline for response to the Commission’s *Order Directing Filing*.

5. Therefore, Public Counsel requests that the Procedural Schedule be suspended pending the responses of the remaining parties regarding their consent to the dismissal of these cases. As Public Counsel is the only party scheduled to file Surrebuttal Testimony, Public Counsel's believes its request will not prejudice any other party.

**WHEREFORE,** Public Counsel respectfully submits its consent to dismiss the above-stated cases and requests that the Commission grant Public Counsel's request to suspend the procedural schedule for these cases.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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