

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of J & J Equities, LLC,)
and McB Investments, LLC, to Acquire Ten Percent)
(10%) or More of the Outstanding Capital Stock of)
Tri-States Utility, Inc.)

Case No. WF-2009-0018

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: July 9, 2008

Effective Date: July 9, 2008

On July 7, 2008, J & J Equities, LLC, and McB Investments, LLC (Applicants), filed an application with the Commission. Applicants wish to acquire ten percent or more of the outstanding capital stock of Tri-States Utility, Inc., a Missouri chartered corporation and water utility operating under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission. Applicants request expedited consideration of the application.

The Commission would be aided in its consideration of this application by a recommendation from its Staff and will set an expedited date for Staff to file either a recommendation or a pleading indicating when it expects to be able to file a recommendation.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. No later than July 21, 2008, the Staff of the Commission shall file either its recommendation in this matter or a pleading indicating when it expects to be able to file its recommendation.

2. This order shall become effective on July 9, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a faint circular stamp.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 9th day of July, 2008.