

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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

Case No. WF-2010-0041

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: July 30, 2009

Effective Date: July 30, 2009

On July 30, 2009, J & J Equities, LLC, filed an application with the Commission. J & J wishes to acquire the remaining one-third share of Tri-States Utility, Inc. Tri-States Utility, Inc., is a water utility operating under the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission. J & J had previously been granted authority to acquire part of Tri-States in Case No. WF-2009-0018.

The Commission would be aided in its consideration of this application by a recommendation from its Staff and will set a 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 August 7, 2009, 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 upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Reed', is positioned above the printed name.

Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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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 30th day of July, 2009.