

**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)	<u>File No. WF-2010-0041</u>
Outstanding Capital Stock of Tri-States Utility, Inc.)	

ORDER DIRECTING FILING OF STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: August 11, 2009

Effective Date: August 11, 2009

On July 30, 2009, J & J Equities, LLC, applied to the Public Service Commission for authorization to acquire the remaining one-third share of Tri-States Utility, Inc., a water utility under the Commission's jurisdiction. J & J had previously been granted authority to acquire part of Tri-States in File No. WF-2009-0018. The Commission issued an order directing its Staff to file either a recommendation or a pleading indicating when it expected to be able to file a recommendation. On August 7, 2009, Staff filed a pleading in which it stated that it can evaluate the application and file its recommendation by September 9, 2009. The Commission accepts the proposed filing date.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than September 9, 2009, the Staff of the Commission shall file its recommendation regarding J & J Equities, LLC's application.

2. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



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 11th day of August, 2009.