

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Moore Bend)
Water Company, Inc. and Moore Bend Water Utility,)
LLC for Authority of Moore Bend Water Company,) **File No. WM-2012-0335**
Inc. to Sell Certain Assets to Moore Bend Water)
Utility, LLC)

ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Issue Date: August 14, 2012

Effective Date: August 14, 2012

On April 11, 2012, Moore Bend Water Company, Inc. and Moore Bend Water Utility, LLC filed the above-captioned application with the Missouri Public Service Commission. After the Staff of the Commission filed its Recommendation, the Office of the Public Counsel filed its Response. Staff then filed a Response to which Public Counsel responded. Finally, on August 13 Staff again responded to Public Counsel. Public Counsel then immediately filed a pleading requesting an evidentiary hearing.

Through these pleadings, Staff and Public Counsel have expressed concerns about the ownership of property on which wells are located that the utility will use in providing service to its customers. As pointed out in these pleadings, the owner of the property is the previous owner of Moore Bend Water Company. Approximately 10 years ago he sold the company but did not include property on which the wells are located. Moore Bend Water Company has had access to the wells without incident.

This matter is now at issue and a prehearing conference and procedural schedule are appropriate to ensure a prompt resolution. At the prehearing conference, the parties or their representatives should be prepared to discuss the nature of any discovery each will

conduct and the interval necessary for its completion; the number of witnesses each expects to call at hearing; the number and nature of any exhibits each expects to offer at hearing; the anticipated length of the hearing; and, the current status of settlement negotiations. It is expected that the prehearing conference will provide an opportunity for the parties to further pursue settlement discussions.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. A prehearing conference shall be held on August 24, 2012, in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Room 305, Jefferson City, Missouri beginning at 10:00 a.m. The hearing will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this public hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.
2. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Kennard L. Jones, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 14th day of August, 2012.