OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Cathy J. Orler,)
Complainant,)
V.) <u>Case No. WC-2006-0082, et al.</u>
Folsom Ridge, LLC, Owning and Controlling the Big Island Homeowners Association,)))
Respondents.)

ORDER APPOINTING SPECIAL MASTER FOR TAKING OF DEPOSITIONS

Issue Date: January 19, 2007 Effective Date: January 19, 2007

On January 17, 2007, the Respondents, Folsom Ridge, LLC, and Big Island Homeowners Water and Sewer Association, Inc., filed a motion, pursuant to Missouri Rule of Civil Procedure 57.06, asking the Commission to appoint a special master to assist in a scheduled deposition. The motion indicates that the Respondents have scheduled the deposition of a representative of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for January 30, 2007. Due to the large number of pro se parties in this case, Respondents request that the Commission appoint a special master to preside at the deposition to determine all objections to evidence and to exclude evidence not properly within the scope of discovery.

The Commission believes that the appointment of a special master will be helpful to all parties and will allow for the prompt resolution of any disputes that may arise during the scheduled deposition.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- Regulatory Law Judge Harold Stearley is appointed as Special Master for the purpose of assisting the parties in the taking of depositions of representatives of the Department of Natural Resources.
- 2. The Special Master is given authority to rule on any objections that may be made during the course of the deposition and may take any other actions he believes necessary to assist the parties in the completion of the deposition.
- 3. After the completion of the taking of the depositions, the Special Master shall file a written report to the Commission regarding any rulings on evidence, as provided in Missouri Rule of Civil Procedure 57.06(c).
 - 4. This order shall become effective on January 19, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 19th day of January, 2007.