OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

| The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, |)) |
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| Complainant, |) |
| V. |) <u>Case No. WC-2006-0363</u> |
| Franklin County Service Company, Melody Lake Water & Sewer, LLC, Melody Lake Ranch Associates, Inc., and Gerald Johnston, |))) |
| Respondents. |) |

ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Issue Date: June 1, 2006 Effective Date: June 1, 2006

On March 22, 2006, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a complaint against Franklin County Service Company, Melody Lake Water & Sewer, LLC, Melody Lake Ranch Associates, Inc., and Gerald Johnston. Staff requested that, after hearing, the Commission find that some, or all, of the Respondents are operating as a water corporation, a sewer corporation and a pubic utility without authorization from the Commission as required by Missouri Law; and that some or all of the Respondents caused an illegal transfer of assets to occur. For its relief, Staff requests that the Commission authorize Staff to bring a penalty action in Circuit Court.

To afford the parties and opportunity to further discuss this matter and how they might proceed, the Commission will set this matter for a prehearing conference. Respondents did not file a timely answer to Staff's complaint. Staff, therefore, moved the

Commission to find Respondents in default. Respondents then filed a motion for an extension of time in which to file its answer. The motions will be discussed at the prehearing conference.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. A prehearing conference shall be held on June 20, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.
- 2. The prehearing conference will be held at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, Room 305. This building 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.
 - 3. This order shall become effective on June 1, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 1st day of June, 2006.