

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Release of Staff's Audit Report)
Regarding Environmental Utilities, L.L.C., and)
Osage Water Company)
Case No. WO-2006-0361

ORDER DIRECTING ENVIRONMENTAL UTILITIES TO SHOW CAUSE **WHY STAFF'S AUDIT REPORT SHOULD NOT BE MADE PUBLIC**

Issue Date: March 21, 2006

Effective Date: March 21, 2006

On March 17, 2006, the Staff of the Commission filed a Motion to Open Docket and Require Environmental Utilities, L.L.C., to Show Cause Why Staff's Audit Report Should Not be Made Public. Staff explains that it has conducted an audit regarding the operation of Environmental Utilities and Osage Water Company. Staff would like to release its audit report to the public. However, Environmental Utilities objects to the public release of Staff's audit report because it includes business information obtained from Environmental Utilities during the course of the audit.

Section 386.480, RSMo, provides that information furnished to the Commission by a public utility is not to be made public except by order of this Commission. Staff requests such an order, and asks that Environmental Utilities be directed to respond to Staff's motion to release the audit report with an explanation of why it believes that the report should not be released to the public.

The release of Staff's audit report appears to be a matter of some public concern. Before it rules on Staff's request to release that report to the public, the Commission will

give Environmental Utilities an opportunity to explain why that report should not be made public

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Not later than March 31, 2006, Environmental Utilities, L.L.C. shall show cause why Staff's report of its limited audit of Environmental Utilities, L.L.C. and Osage Water Company should not be made public.

2. This order shall become effective on March 21, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

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 21st day of March, 2006.