

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

In the Matter of the Application of Highway H)	
Utilities, Inc., for Authority to Sell Certain Water)	
System Assets to the City of Waynesville,)	<u>File No. WO-2012-0211</u>
Missouri, and in Connection Therewith,)	
Certain Other Related Transactions.)	

**ORDER SETTING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING
AND GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME**

Issue Date: February 10, 2012

Effective Date: February 10, 2012

On January 11, 2012, Highway H Utilities, Inc. ("Highway H") filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") seeking to sell and transfer a portion of its works and systems to the City of Waynesville, Missouri ("City"). Since the Commission has received at least six public comments in response to the application, the Staff of the Commission has requested a local public hearing to provide interested persons an opportunity to obtain information and express concerns about the proposed transaction. Staff has also requested an extension of time to file a recommendation in order to address any public concerns discussed at the local public hearing. No party has explicitly objected to Staff's request, but Highway H has responded suggesting that there may be less expensive and time-consuming ways to satisfy the small number of public requests for information. The Commission finds that the request for a local public hearing and extension of time is reasonable and will grant the request.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.110(1) requires the Commission to set the time and place for hearings and serve notice as required by law. Section 536.067(4),

RSMo 2000, and Section 386.390.5, RSMo 2000, require at least ten days notice be given prior to a hearing. In consideration of the expedited nature of the local public hearing in this case, Highway H shall mail notice of the hearing to the customers of the Hunter's Pointe Water System. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon the Pulaski County Commission. In addition, the Commission's Public Information Office shall make notice of this order available to the media serving Pulaski County and to the members of the Missouri General Assembly representing Pulaski County.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on Monday March 5, 2012, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and continuing until all persons who wish to testify have done so, in the City Council Chambers, Waynesville City Hall, 601 West Historic 66, Waynesville, MO 65583.
2. Staff shall conduct a question-and-answer session for the public beginning 30 minutes before the hearing. Highway H Utilities, Inc. and the City of Waynesville shall have representatives available at the session to answer questions.
3. Highway H Utilities, Inc. shall mail notice of this hearing to customers of the Hunter's Pointe Water System no later than February 24, 2012.
4. The Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall serve a copy of this order upon the Pulaski County Commission.
5. The Commission's Public Information Office shall make notice of this order available to the members of the Missouri General Assembly representing the residents

of Pulaski County, Missouri and to the news media serving the residents of Pulaski County, Missouri.

6. The Staff of the Commission shall file a recommendation regarding approval of the application no later than April 2, 2012.

7. This order shall become effective immediately on issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Michael Bushmann, Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 10th day of February, 2012.