

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Brandco Investments, LLC and Hillcrest Utility Operating Company, Inc., for Hillcrest to Acquire Certain Water and Sewer Assets of Brandco and, in Connection Therewith, Issue Indebtedness and Encumber Assets)
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) **File No. WO-2014-0340**
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ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Issue Date: September 2, 2014

Effective Date: September 2, 2014

On May 13, 2014, Brandco Investments, LLC and Hillcrest Utility Operating Company, Inc. ("Hillcrest") filed the above-titled application. On September 2, 2014, Hillcrest filed a response to Staff's recommendation and requested an expedited prehearing conference to discuss a proposed procedural schedule.

The Commission finds that a prehearing conference is now appropriate. The parties or their representatives shall appear in person, or by telephone, at the conference. Parties wishing to appear by telephone will be provided with a telephone conference number. At the conference, parties should be prepared to discuss the elements of a joint procedural schedule, including the dates for an evidentiary hearing and post-hearing briefs. The parties will also be encouraged to discuss settlement.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. A prehearing conference shall be held on Thursday September 11, 2014, beginning at 2:00 p.m., in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This meeting will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Anyone needing additional

accommodations to participate shall call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the conference.

2. Any party that wants to participate in the conference by phone may do so by calling 573-526-5402 or toll-free 866-630-9346 at the time set for the beginning of the conference.

3. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 2nd day of September, 2014.