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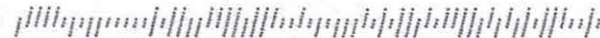
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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission,  
  
Complainant,  
  
v.  
  
Smithview H2O Company,  
John Kuhle and Kuhle H2O Company,  
  
Respondents.

**File No. WC-2016-0141**

**ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO EXPLAIN WHETHER COMPLAINT SHOULD  
BE DISMISSED**

Issue Date: April 27, 2017

Effective Date: April 27, 2017

On December 8, 2015, the Staff of the Commission filed a complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission against Smithview H2O Company, John Kuhle, and Kuhle H2O, LLC. Staff alleged that the Respondents have failed to provide safe and adequate services, have failed to file their annual reports, and have not paid their annual assessments to the Commission. Respondents' answer to Staff's complaint was due by January 11, 2016, but no answer has been filed. Indeed, it appears that service of process has not been obtained on the Respondents.

Staff filed status reports on April 6, 2016, June 20, 2016, October 18, 2016, and again on January 26, 2017, indicating it is working with the company to resolve the concerns raised in the complaint. In those reports, Staff explains that a contract operator is operating and maintaining the water system and is handling business matters, and that the

system is now operating in compliance with the requirements of the Division of Natural Resources.

It appears that the problems that caused Staff to file its complaint have largely been resolved and that the complaint can be dismissed without prejudice to its refiling. Further, Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.116(2) permits the Commission to dismiss a case for lack of prosecution if no action has occurred in the case for 90 days and no party has filed a pleading requesting a continuance beyond that time. But before dismissing the complaint, the Commission will give Staff an opportunity to explain whether the complaint should be dismissed.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. No later than May 5, 2017, Staff shall file a pleading explaining whether this complaint should be dismissed.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

*Morris L. Woodruff*

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

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


Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2017.

  
Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**April 27, 2017**

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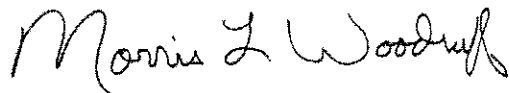
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**Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).**

**Sincerely,**



**Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary**

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