OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Office of the Public Counsel,)
Complainant,)
V.) <u>Case No. WC-2007-0038</u>
Central Jefferson County Utilities, Inc.,)))
Respondent.)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: April 11, 2007 Effective Date: April 11, 2007

On July 26, 2006, the Office of the Public Counsel filed an "overearnings" complaint against Central Jefferson County Utilities, Inc.¹ Central Jefferson answered on August 30, denying OPC's allegations.

On February 8, 2007, in Case No. SO-2007-0071, the Commission approved Central Jefferson's request to sell certain water and sewer assets to Jefferson County Public Sewer District. Because Jefferson County Public Sewer District is not under the Commission's jurisdiction, it appears that any overearnings determination the Commission might make in this case would not benefit Central Jefferson's ratepayers; Central Jefferson will soon no longer provide water and sewer service, and the Commission cannot dictate Jefferson County Public Sewer District's rates.

¹ By separate order, the Commission consolidated a similar complaint that OPC had against Central Jefferson's sewer operations into this case.

Currently, the case is set for hearing on April 30 and May 1. In light of the sale agreement described above, the Commission will order the parties to state whether or not this case should proceed to hearing, or should be dismissed.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- The parties shall file pleadings as directed above no later than April 18,
 2007.
 - 2. That this order shall become effective on April 11, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

Ronald D. Pridgin, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 11th day of April, 2007.