OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Small Company Rate Increase Request of Stockton Hills Water Company

) <u>Case No. WR-2006-0091</u>) Tariff No. YW-2006-0140

ORDER ADDING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AS A PARTY AND DIRECTING RESPONSE

Issue Date: September 27, 2005

Effective Date: September 27, 2005

In reviewing its Staff's recommendation regarding Stockton Hills Water Company's request for a rate increase, the Commission noted that Stockton Hills has received a notice of violation from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Staff's memorandum indicates that it has been told by Stockton Hills that the company will be entering into a bilateral compliance agreement with the DNR that will bring it into compliance with DNR requirements. However, Staff did not confirm that allegation with the DNR.

Before it acts on Stockton Hills' request for a rate increase, the Commission would like to have assurance from DNR that the company is not out of compliance with that agency's requirements. Therefore, DNR will be added as a party to this case and DNR will be directed to appear at the Commission's agenda on September 29, at 9:30 a.m., to answer the Commission's questions. In the alternative, if DNR does not wish to appear at the Commission's agenda, it may file a pleading no later than 9:30 a.m. on September 29,

explaining whether Stockton Hills is currently in compliance with DNR requirements and if it is not currently in compliance, what steps it has taken to come into compliance.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the Missouri Department of Natural Resources is added as a party to this case.
- 2. That the Department of Natural Resources is directed to appear at the Commission's agenda on September 29, 2005, at 9:30 a.m., to answer the Commission's questions regarding Stockton Hills Water Company's compliance with the Department of Natural Resources requirements.
- 3. In the alternative, if the Department of Natural Resources does not wish to appear at the Commission's agenda, it may file a pleading no later than 9:30 a.m. on September 29, 2005, explaining whether Stockton Hills Water Company is currently in compliance with the Department of Natural Resources' requirements and if it is not currently in compliance, what steps it has taken to come into compliance.
- 4. That the Commission's Data Center is directed to serve a copy of this order on the Department of Natural Resources, and to add that agency to the service list.

5. That this order shall become effective on September 27, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 27th day of September, 2005.