

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Co.'s) **Case No. WR-2006-0250**
Request for a Small Company Rate Increase) Tariff No. YW-2006-0449

In the Matter of Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Co.'s) **Case No. SR-2006-0249**
Request for a Small Company Rate Increase) Tariff No. YS-2006-0448

ORDER CONSOLIDATING CASES

Issue Date: February 10, 2006

Effective Date: February 10, 2006

On December 12, 2005, Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Co., Inc., filed proposed tariffs in two separate cases that will increase its water and sewer service rates. Along with its tariffs, Hickory Hills filed a letter indicating that it had reached an agreement with the Staff of the Commission regarding disposition of its small company rate increase request. The Office of the Public Counsel is not a party to the agreement and this case is proceeding to evidentiary hearing before the Commission.

On January 25, 2006, Public Counsel filed a Motion to Consolidate these two cases. No party objected to the consolidation. Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.110(3) allows the Commission to consolidate pending actions involving related questions of law or fact. The issues in these cases are related and consolidation is appropriate. At the prehearing conference on February 9, 2006, the Commission ordered these cases consolidated. Case No. WR-2006-0250 will be designated as the lead case and hereafter all pleadings filed in the consolidated case will be filed in WR-2006-0250.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Case numbers SR-2006-0249 and WR-2006-0250 are consolidated. Case No. WR-2006-0250 is designated the lead case.
2. This order shall become effective on February 10, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Steven C. Reed, 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, 2006.