

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 23rd day of
May, 2006.

In the Matter of Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Co.'s)	<u>Case No. WR-2006-0250</u>
Request for a Small Company Rate Increase)	Tariff Nos. YW-2006-0449 and YS-2006-0448

**ORDER FURTHER SUSPENDING TARIFFS
AND GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE POST-HEARING BRIEFS**

Issue Date: May 23, 2006

Effective Date: May 23, 2006

On December 12, 2005, Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Company filed revised tariffs that would increase its water and sewer rates. The tariffs carried an effective date of February 1, 2006. On January 25, 2006, the Office of the Public Counsel filed a Motion to Suspend Hickory Hills' revised tariffs and requested an evidentiary hearing, indicating in its pleading its disagreement with the tariff sheets reflecting an increase in water and sewer service rates. The Commission suspended the revised tariffs for a period of 120 days beyond the requested effective date, as permitted by Section 393.150, RSMo 2000, making their effective date June 1, 2006.

On April 19, 2006, the Commission held an evidentiary hearing. Anticipating that the hearing transcript would be available in ten working days, the parties and the Commission agreed that post-hearing briefs would be due 14 days after the transcript was filed. But the transcript was not filed until May 16, 2006, making the deadline for post-hearing briefs

May 30, 2006. The Commission entered an order shortening the time for post-hearing briefs to May 23, 2006, in order to render a timely decision.

On May 18, 2006, the Staff of the Commission filed a motion seeking additional time until May 31, 2006, to file the post-hearing brief and a further suspension of the tariff until July 1, 2006. The Staff stated that it had discussed its motions with counsel for Hickory Hills and Public Counsel and that the parties are in agreement. The Office of the Public Counsel filed a concurrence with the Staff's motion. The Commission will further suspend the tariffs and grant an extension of time to file post-hearing briefs.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The revised tariff sheets filed by Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Company on December 12, 2005, and assigned Tariff File Nos. YW-2006-0449 and YS-2006-0448, are further suspended until July 1, 2006.
2. Post-hearing briefs are due by May 31, 2006.
3. This order shall become effective on May 23, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Davis, Chm., Murray, Gaw, Clayton and Appling, CC., concur

Reed, Regulatory Law Judge