

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

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| In the Matter of Hickory Hills Water & |) | |
| Sewer Co.'s Request for a Small |) | Case No. WR-2006-0250, consol. |
| Company Rate Increase |) | |

STATEMENT OF POSITION, LIST OF WITNESSES, AND ORDER OF WITNESSES

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its *Statement of Position, List of Witnesses, And Order of Witnesses*, states as follows:

1. On March 7, 2006, the Commission issued its *Order Adopting Procedural Schedule* directing the parties to file a *Statement of Position, List of Witnesses, And Order of Witnesses* in this case by April 10, 2006.

2. Accordingly, the Staff's position statements follow:

ISSUE: What hourly wage for Randy Clifford should be allowed in rates?

POSITION: The Staff supports an hourly wage rate of \$19.00 for Randy Clifford in the performance of his duties as corporation president, owner, and system operator.

ISSUE: What number of hours worked by Randy Clifford should be allowed in rates?

POSITION: The Staff supports a total of 675 hours worked by Randy Clifford that should be allowed in rates.

ISSUE: How many compensated miles traveled should be allowed in rates?

POSITION: The Staff supports a total number of 9,721 compensated miles to be allowed in rates.

ISSUE: Should payments to a retirement account or accounts be allowed in rates?

POSITION: The Staff supports a retirement benefit expense for Randy and Kay Clifford that is equal to 9% of the employees' total salaries.

3. Staff's list and order of witnesses are: Randy Clifford (Hickory Hills Water & Sewer); Scott Clark (Staff); and, Ted Robertson (Office of Public Counsel).

4. On April 7, 2006, the Commission issued its *Order Denying In Part Staff's Motion To Modify Procedural Schedule* stating that it will take Staff's request to call surrebuttal witnesses at the evidentiary hearing under advisement and will rule on that motion before the conclusion of the hearing. Accordingly, the Staff wishes to inform the Commission that it anticipates possibly calling the following surrebuttal witnesses: Jerry Scheible, Jim Russo, and Dale Johansen.

WHEREFORE, the Staff submits its *Statement of Position, List of Witnesses, And Order of Witnesses*, as indicated above.

Respectfully submitted,

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