

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of Algonquin Water)
Resources of Missouri, LLC, to Implement a General)
Rate Increase for Water and Sewer Service Provided)
to Customers in its Missouri Service Areas.)

Case No. WR-2006-0425

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: June 2, 2006

Effective Date: June 2, 2006

This order grants the request for the Commission's standard protective order.

On May 5, 2006, Algonquin Water Resources of Missouri, LLC, filed a tariff to implement a rate increase for its Missouri water and sewer service territories. The Commission suspended the tariff on May 12.

On May 25, Algonquin filed a Motion for Protective Order. Algonquin states that it anticipates filing in testimony, and being asked in data requests, competitive pricing information and technical, financial and business information of a confidential or proprietary nature. According to Algonquin, public disclosure of that information may harm Algonquin, its employees and customers, and none of the information for which Algonquin seeks a protective order can be found in a public document.

Upon review of the motion, the Commission finds that there is a need to protect confidential information and the request for a protective order is reasonable. The Commission has previously recognized the need to protect confidential information, and protective orders have helped minimize disputes in past cases. Therefore, the Commission concludes that a protective order should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion for Protective Order filed by Algonquin Water Resources of Missouri, LLC, is granted, and the protective order attached to this order as Attachment A is adopted.
2. This order shall become effective on June 2, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 2nd day of June, 2006.