

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

The Staff of the Missouri Public	)	
Service Commission,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	<b><u>Case No. WC-2008-0079</u></b>
	)	
Universal Utilities, Inc., and	)	
Nancy Carol Croasdell,	)	
	)	
Respondents.	)	

**ORDER DENYING STAFF’S MOTION TO REQUIRE RESPONSE TO**  
**STAFF’S MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT BY OCTOBER 1**

Issue Date: September 24, 2007

Effective Date: September 24, 2007

The Staff of the Commission filed a complaint against Universal Utilities, Inc., and Nancy Carol Croasdell on September 13, 2007, alleging that the Respondents are operating a water and sewer utility without a required certificate from this Commission. Along with its complaint, Staff filed a Motion for Expedited Treatment. In that Motion, Staff asked the Commission to expedite its consideration of Staff’s complaint and to issue a decision by November 30, 2007.

On September 14, the Commission issued notice of Staff’s complaint to the Respondents and ordered them to answer Staff’s complaint by October 15. Subsequently, acting on a request of the Office of the Public Counsel, the Commission scheduled a local public hearing in Columbia, Missouri, for October 29.

On September 21, Staff filed what it called a Motion for Clarification. That motion reiterates Staff's request for expedited consideration of its complaint and asks the Commission to order the Respondents and any other party to respond to Staff's motion for expedited treatment by October 1.

Staff's motion is unnecessary, or, at best, premature. Staff's Motion for Expedited Treatment asks only that the Commission issue a decision by November 30. It does not ask the Commission to immediately establish a procedural schedule, nor take any other particular action on an expedited basis. The Commission will have adequate time after the Respondent's file their answer on October 15 to establish a procedural schedule that will allow the Commission to issue a decision by November 30, if it finds it appropriate to do so. The Commission expects the Respondents to address the Motion for Expedited Treatment in their answer and there is no need for the Respondents to file a separate response to that motion before filing their answer. The Commission will not order them to do so.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Staff's motion that any party wishing to object to Staff's Motion for Expedited Treatment be ordered to do so by October 1, 2007, is denied.

2. This order shall become effective on September 24, 2007.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written in a cursive style.

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Morris L. Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
under Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2007.