

**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**

ORDER DENYING MOTION TO CANCEL

Issue Date: December 21, 2005

Effective Date: December 21, 2005

The Commission set a prehearing conference in this matter for December 21, 2005, at 2:00 p.m., to inquire of the parties the need for a local public hearing and to discuss a procedural schedule. The Staff of the Commission filed a motion to cancel that conference on December 20, 2005, because Staff has information suggesting that the Office of Public Counsel plans to request a local public hearing and because the small company rate case procedure does not contemplate a formal procedural schedule as might be established in a formal rate case.

The Commission appreciates the arguments of Staff but still intends to discuss the need for a local public hearing and its scheduling.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Staff's Motion to Cancel Prehearing Conference is denied.

2. That this order shall become effective on December 21, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

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 21st day of December, 2005.