

**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 DIRECTING FILING AND SETTING PREHEARING  
CONFERENCE**

Issue Date: December 13, 2005

Effective Date: December 13, 2005

On December 12, 2005, Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Co., Inc., filed a proposed tariff that will increase its water service rates. The tariff carries an effective date of February 1, 2006. Along with its tariff, Hickory Hills filed a letter indicating that it has reached an agreement with the Staff of the Commission regarding disposition of its small company rate increase request. The letter stated that the Staff would be filing that agreement in this case. In order that the Commission may expeditiously consider Hickory Hills' rate increase, Staff will be directed to promptly file the agreement.

Hickory Hills' letter accompanying its proposed tariff sheets indicates that it will provide a notice to its customers regarding the terms of its agreement with Staff and the proposed rate increase as required by the Commission's regulation – 4 CSR 240-3.330(1)(D).

Notably, the Office of the Public Counsel is not a party to the proposed disposition agreement between the Staff and Hickory Hills. The Commission's rules allow the Office of the Public Counsel to request a local public hearing within 20 days after the revised tariff sheets are filed. Should Public Counsel request a public hearing, Hickory Hills would then

be required to send an additional notice to its customers informing them of the local public hearing.

Before the Commission orders Hickory Hills to provide notice of the agreement and its terms to its customers, the Commission determines that a prehearing conference will be held to discuss a procedural schedule and the potential disposition of this case. The parties should be prepared to discuss a proposed procedural schedule and the necessity of a local public hearing.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Staff of the Commission shall file the agreement regarding disposition of small company rate increase request that it has reached with Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Co., no later than December 16, 2005.

2. That a prehearing conference is set for December 21, 2005, at 2 p.m. in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. The conference will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this conference, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the prehearing conference.

3. That this order shall become effective on December 13, 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 13th day of December, 2005.