

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

In the Matter of the Application of Tri-State Utility, Inc.,	)	
for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity	)	
Authorizing It to Enlarge and Extend Its Service Area	)	<b><u>Case No. WA-2006-0241</u></b>
and to Construct, Install, Own, Operate, Control,	)	
Manage, and Maintain a Water System for the Public	)	
Located in an Unincorporated Area in Taney County,	)	
Missouri	)	

**ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

Issue Date: March 8, 2006

Effective Date: March 8, 2006

The Commission seeks additional information concerning the “Cross Connection Control” or “backflow” program being implemented by Tri-States. The Staff of the Commission will be directed to further investigate the program, as well as Department of Natural Resources regulations that apply. As part of that investigation, the Staff shall contact the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and Tri-States to determine the following issues and file a detailed pleading setting forth: the regulatory requirements and deadlines that apply, the status of Tri-States’ program, the timeline Tri-States will follow to implement the program, the occasion for delay in the immediate implementation of the program, the type of customers identified for backflow protection, as well as any other issues discussed by the Commission at the March 7, 2006 agenda meeting.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Staff of the Commission shall consult the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and Tri-States Utility, Inc., to determine the above issues and file a pleading detailing its findings no later than 4:00 p.m., on March 14, 2006.
2. This order shall become effective on March 8, 2006.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

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

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Steven C. Reed, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 8th day of March, 2006.