BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Big Island Water & Sewer Company for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Authorizing It to Construct, Install, Own, Operate, Control, Manage and Maintain a Water and Sewer System for the Public Located in an Unincorporated Area in Camden County, Missouri

) <u>Case No. WA-2006-0480, et al.</u>

ORDER POSTPONING DATE FOR FILING REBUTTAL TESTIMONY

Issue Date: December 12, 2006

Effective Date: December 12, 2006

The procedural schedule for this case requires Staff, Public Counsel, and the intervenors to file rebuttal testimony on December 15, 2006. An evidentiary hearing is set for February 5-7, 2007. On December 6, the Applicant, Big Island Water & Sewer Company, Inc., filed a motion asking the Commission to indefinitely suspend the entire procedural schedule. The motion explained that the water and sewer system that Big Island Water & Sewer Company intended to purchase and operate may be sold to a nonprofit water and a nonprofit sewer corporation. If that sale occurs as planned, Big Island Water & Sewer Company intendes to withdraw its application for a certificate of convenience and necessity.

On December 7, the Commission ordered that any party wishing to respond to the motion to suspend procedural schedule do so no later than December 11. On December 7, the Office of the Public Counsel filed a pleading indicating that it does not object to the

suspension of the procedural schedule. However, on December 11, six individual intervenors¹ filed an objection to the proposal to suspend procedural schedule.

The Commission will deal with the arguments raised by the intervenors in more detail, but will be unable to do so before December 15, when rebuttal testimony is due. Rather than leave the parties uncertain about whether to file rebuttal testimony on December 15 as scheduled, the Commission will postpone the deadline for filing rebuttal testimony until December 29. The rest of the procedural schedule will remain in place until further order of the Commission.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The requirement that Staff, Public Counsel, and Other Parties file rebuttal testimony by December 15, 2006, is postponed until December 29, 2006.

2. This order shall become effective on December 12, 2006.



Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 12th day of December, 2006.

¹ The individual intervenors who signed the objection are Joseph Schrader, Stan Temares, Cindy Fortney, Cathy Orler, and Benjamin Pugh.