## **BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

# OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of Aqua Missouri, Inc., to Implement a Rate Increase for Water Service Provided to Customers in its Missouri Service Areas.	) ) )	<u>Case No. WR-2007-0020</u> Tariff No. JW-2007-0014
In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of Aqua RU, Inc., d/b/a Aqua Missouri, Inc., to Implement a Rate Increase for Water Service Provided to Customers in its Missouri Service Areas.	) ) )	<u>Case No. WR-2007-0021</u> Tariff No. JW-2007-0015
In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of Aqua Missouri, Inc., to Implement a Rate Increase for Sewer Service Provided to Customers in Its Missouri Service Areas.	) ) )	<u>Case No. SR-2007-0023</u> Tariff No. YS-2007-0016

### ORDER SETTING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SUSPENDING TARIFF

Issue Date: August 11, 2006

Effective Date: August 11, 2006

On July 12, 2006, Aqua Missouri, Inc., and Aqua RU, Inc., d/b/a Aqua Missouri, Inc., filed tariffs proposing to increase water and sewer service rates to customers in the companies' service areas. On July 19, 2006, the Office of the Public Counsel filed a pleading requesting the Commission to schedule a local public hearing in these cases.

The Commission has considered the Public Counsel's request and finds it reasonable. The Commission will set four local public hearings to give the public opportunity to comment. At the hearings, the Staff of the Commission will hold an informal question-and-answer session beginning at 5:30 p.m.; the hearings will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will conclude at 9:00 p.m., or when every person who wishes to testify has done so,

whichever is sooner. In addition, the Commission will direct the companies to provide notice to their customers.

In order to allow time to hold public hearings, the Commission shall suspend the effective date of the tariffs as ordered below.

#### IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The tariff effective dates, Tariff Nos. JW-2007-0014, JW-2007-0015, and YS-2007-0016, are suspended until September 30, 2006.

2. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on August 28, 2006, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., or until all persons who wish to testify have done so, whichever is sooner, at the Media Forum in the Charles E. Yeater Learning Center, State Fair Community College, 3201 West 16th Street, Sedalia, Missouri

3. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on August 30, 2006, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., or until all persons who wish to testify have done so, whichever is sooner, at the Tri-Lakes TCRC, University of Missouri Extension at Reeds Spring High School, ITV Room, 20277 State Highway 413 (in the South Wing of Reeds Spring High School), Reeds Spring, Missouri.

4. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on August 30, 2006, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., or until all persons who wish to testify have done so, whichever is sooner, in the Presidential Dining Room, Keeter Center at College of the Ozarks, One Opportunity Avenue, Point Lookout, Missouri.

5. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on August 30, 2006, from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., or until all persons who wish to testify have done so, whichever is

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sooner, at the Commission's offices in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street,

Room 310, Jefferson City, Missouri.

6. No later than August 20, 2006, Aqua Missouri, Inc., and Aqua RU, Inc.,

d/b/a Aqua Missouri, Inc., shall send an individual notice to each of their customers substantially as set out below.

#### NOTICE

[Company name] has filed revised water/sewer service tariff sheets with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) which would increase customer rates by approximately \_\_\_\_\_ percent.

A public comment hearing has been set before the PSC at 6:00 p.m., August 28, 2006, at the following location:

 Media Forum, Charles E. Yeater Learning Center, State Fair Community College, 3201 W. 16th St., Sedalia, MO.

Public comment hearings have been set before the PSC at 6:00 p.m., August 30, 2006, at the following locations:

- Tri-Lakes TCRC, University of Missouri Extension at Reeds Spring High School, ITV Room, 20277 State Highway 413 (in the South Wing of Reeds Spring High School), Reeds Spring, MO
- Presidential Dining Room, Keeter Center at College of the Ozarks, One Opportunity Ave., Point Lookout, MO.
- Room 310, Governor Office Building, 200 Madison St., Jefferson City, MO.

A question-and-answer session will be held before each hearing beginning at 5:30 p.m.

If you wish to make written comments or secure additional information, you may contact the Office of the Public Counsel, Post Office Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (573) 751-4857.

The buildings where the hearings will be held meet accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in these hearings, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearings.

7. The local public hearings shall be held in a facility that meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodation to participate in the hearing should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

8. The Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county in the Missouri service areas of Aqua Missouri, Inc., and Aqua RU, Inc., d/b/a Aqua Missouri, Inc.

9. The Public Information Office of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall send a copy of this order to members of the General Assembly and to the media that serve the service areas of Aqua Missouri, Inc., and Aqua RU, Inc., d/b/a Aqua Missouri, Inc.

10. This order shall become effective on August 11, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 11th day of August, 2006.