

**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 ) **Case No. WR-2007-0020**  
Provided to Customers in its Missouri Service Areas. ) **Tariff No. JW-2007-0014**

**ORDER DIRECTING FILING AND SETTING**  
**PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE**

Issue Date: September 1, 2006

Effective Date: September 1, 2006

On August 28 and 30, 2006, the Commission held local public hearings in this matter. According to Commission rule 4 CSR 240-3.635(1)(E), the Office of the Public Counsel “shall file a pleading indicating its agreement or disagreement with the tariff sheet(s) within seven (7) days after the local public hearing.” Therefore, the Commission will direct the Public Counsel to file its recommendation in this matter as set out below.

In addition, the Commission finds that a stipulation hearing in this matter may be necessary before making its decision. The Commission further anticipates that if a hearing becomes necessary, it may call Mr. Nicholas DeBenedictis, Chairman and CEO of Aqua Missouri, to testify. Therefore, the parties are directed to appear at a scheduling conference as ordered below. At the conference, the parties shall be prepared to state dates of availability for a stipulation hearing in September and October. Specifically, the parties should reserve September 18, 2006, beginning at 9:00 a.m. for a stipulation and agreement hearing date.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Office of the Public Counsel shall file its pleading and recommendation indicating its agreement or opposition with the proposed tariff sheets no later than September 6, 2006.
2. The parties shall appear at a scheduling teleconference by calling 573-751-9631 at 1:30 p.m. on September 7, 2006, or by appearing in the office of the Regulatory Law Judge, Governor Office Building, Suite 900, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.
3. The parties shall reserve September 18, 2006, beginning at 9:00 a.m. as a date for a hearing on the Stipulation and Agreement if one should become necessary.
4. This order shall become effective on September 1, 2006.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

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 1st day of September, 2006.