

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of Aqua RU, Inc., d/b/a )  
Aqua Missouri, Inc., to Implement a Rate Increase for ) **Case No. WR-2007-0021**  
Water Service Provided to Customers in its Missouri ) Tariff No. JW-2007-0015  
Service Areas. )

**ORDER GRANTING STAFF'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME,**  
**GRANTING AN EXTENSION OF TIME FOR RESPONSES**  
**AND DENYING PUBLIC COUNSEL'S MOTION FOR A CONTINUANCE**

Issue Date: September 15, 2006

Effective Date: September 15, 2006

On September 8, 2006, the Commission issued an Order Setting Hearing, Directing Filing, and Directing Witness to Appear. That order directed an out-of-state witness to appear in front of the Commission at a stipulation hearing on September 21, 2006. That date was mutually agreed-upon by the parties. The order also directed the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission to file its recommendation regarding the tariff, and a status report regarding follow-up with members of the general public who testified at the local public hearing. The order further set September 20, 2006, as a date to respond to the Staff's tariff recommendation.

On September 13, 2006, Staff filed a Motion for Extension of Time to File Staff Recommendation. Staff requested that it be given until 12:00 p.m. on September 18, 2006, to file its tariff recommendation so that it might continue to investigate consumer comments before filing its recommendation.

On September 14, 2006, the Office of the Public Counsel filed its Motion for Extension of Time and Continuance. In its motion, Public Counsel states that it will not have sufficient time to respond to Staff's recommendation or time to prepare for the stipulation hearing if Staff's motion is granted. Public Counsel requests an extension of time to file its recommendation until September 27, 2006, and requests that the stipulation hearing be continued until September 28, 2006.

The Commission has reviewed Staff's request and determines that it is reasonable and shall be granted. In order to give Public Counsel as much time as possible before the hearing, the Commission shall grant Public Counsel's request for an extension with significant modification as set out below.

Public Counsel also requests a continuance of the hearing. Public Counsel was present at the procedural conference at which all the parties agreed to the date for the stipulation hearing. The effective date of the tariff has been extended in this matter only until September 30, 2006. In order to give the Commission time to receive and review the transcript of the proceeding and to consider the stipulation and agreement, the stipulation hearing cannot be continued. For these reasons, the Commission shall deny Public Counsel's request for a continuance.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Motion for Extension of Time to File Staff Recommendation filed by the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission on September 13, 2006, is granted.
2. Staff shall file its recommendation regarding the tariff in this matter no later than 12:00 p.m. September 18, 2006.

3. The motion for extension of time filed by the Office of the Public Counsel on September 14, 2006, is granted in part.

4. Any responses to the recommendation regarding the tariff filed by Staff shall be filed no later than 9:30 a.m. on September 21, 2006.

5. The motion for a continuance of the stipulation hearing filed by the Office of the Public Counsel on September 14, 2006, is denied.

6. This order shall become effective on September 15, 2006.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

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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 15th day of September, 2006.