

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

In the Matter of I.H. Utilities, Inc. Small)
Company Rate Increase.)

Case No. WR-2010-0048

THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL’S PROPOSED SCHEDULING ORDER

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel or OPC) and for its Proposed Scheduling Order submits the following as a proposed order:

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ORDER SETTING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

Issue Date: August 24, 2009

Effective Date: August 24, 2009

On August 25, 2006, I.H. Utilities, Inc. initiated a small company revenue increase request. On August 3, 2009, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a Notice of Company/Staff Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Water Company Revenue Increase Request and Motion to Set Prehearing Conference which reflected an agreed-upon proposed annualized operating revenue increase in the amount of \$17,085 (20.087%). The Office of the Public Counsel did not join in the Company/Staff Agreement.

On August 4, 2009, the Office of the Public Counsel filed its Request for Local Public Hearing. On August 14, 2009, the Commission granted Public Counsel's request for a local

public hearing and stated that the Commission would separately issue notice scheduling the local public hearing.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.110(1) requires the Commission to set the time and place for hearings and serve notice as required by law. Section 536.067(4), RSMo 2000, and Section 386.390.5, RSMo 2000, require at least ten (10) days notice be given prior to a hearing. In complying with its statutory mandate, the Commission shall set the date for the local public hearing for Tuesday October 6, 2009. At the hearing, the Staff of the Commission will hold an informal question-and-answer session beginning at 5:30 p.m. The hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will conclude when every person who wishes to testify has done so.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission gives notice that it shall hold a local public hearing on October 6, 2009, beginning at 6:00 p.m. A question-and-answer session will be held before the hearing beginning at 5:30 p.m.
2. The local public hearing shall be held at the VFW Hall, 704 East Washington, Cuba, Missouri, 65453.
3. No later than August 28, 2009, I.H. Utilities, Inc. shall mail notice of this hearing consistent with this order, such notice being approved by the Commission Staff Case Coordinator prior to mailing.
4. The local public hearing shall be held in a facility that meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodations 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.

5. The Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall serve a copy of this order upon the County Commissioner of Crawford County, Missouri.

6. The Public Information Office of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall make notice of this order available to members of the General Assembly representing the residents in I.H. Utility, Inc.'s service area.

7. No later than five (5) working days after the local public hearing, the Staff of the Commission shall file a pleading indicating its response to the local public hearing.

8. No later than ten (10) working days after the local public hearing, the Office of the Public Counsel shall file a pleading including either its position statement or request for evidentiary hearing.

9. This order shall become effective immediately upon issue.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully submits its Proposed Scheduling Order.

Respectfully submitted,

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