

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 26th day of January, 2006.

In the Matter of Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Co.'s) **Case No. WR-2006-0250**
Request for a Small Company Rate Increase) Tariff No. YW-2006-0449

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF
AND SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Issue Date: January 26, 2006

Effective Date: February 1, 2006

On December 12, 2005 Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Company filed a revised tariff that would increase water rates. The tariff carries an effective date of February 1, 2006. A Notice of Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Company Rate Increase Request was filed by the Staff of the Commission on December 15, 2005.

The Office of Public Counsel is not a party to the Agreement between the Staff of the Commission and Hickory Hills. A local public hearing was held at the request of the Office of Public Counsel on January 19, 2006. On January 25, 2006 Public Counsel filed a Motion to Suspend Hickory Hills revised tariff and requested an evidentiary hearing, indicating in its pleading its disagreement with the tariff sheets reflecting an increase in water service rates.

In order to allow sufficient time to study the effect of the proposed tariff and to determine if it is just, reasonable and in the public interest, the proposed tariff will be suspended for a period of 120 days beyond the requested effective date, as permitted by Section 393.150, RSMo 2000.

The Commission will also set a prehearing conference in order for the parties to explore settlement and establish a procedural schedule.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the tariff sheets filed by Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Company on December 12, 2005 and assigned Tariff File No. YW-2006-0449, are suspended 120 days, until June 1, 2006.

2. That a prehearing conference shall be held on February 9, 2006 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. The conference will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this conference, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the prehearing conference.

3. That this order shall become effective on February 1, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Davis, Chm., Murray, Gaw, Clayton,
and Appling, CC., concur.

Reed, Regulatory Law Judge