

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Noel Water Company,)
Inc. for a General Increase in Water Revenues through) **File No. WR-2009-0395**
the Informal Rate Proceedings for Small Companies as)
Provided for in Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050)

ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

Issue Date: May 19, 2009

Effective Date: May 19, 2009

On May 6, 2009,¹ Noel Water Company (“NWC”) initiated a small company rate increase proceeding. On May 12, the Commission’s Staff filed a detailed timeline for this proceeding pursuant to the schedule outlined in 4 CSR 240-3.050. On May 13, the Commission adopted that time line as the procedural schedule for this matter. On May 18, the Office of the Public Counsel (“Public Counsel”) filed a request for reconsideration and clarification with regard to the procedural schedule.

Public Counsel’s request raises several concerns and suggestions for modifying the procedure schedule, and suggests the appointment of a “Settlement Mediator” to be available on an as-needed basis to mediate disputes that may arise during the proceeding. The Commission shall set a procedural conference to consider any adjustments to the procedural schedule.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The parties shall appear at a procedural conference to be held on May 26, 2009, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The conference will be held in Room 305 at the Commission’s offices in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, a

¹ All dates throughout this order refer to the year 2009 unless otherwise noted.

building that meets the accessibility standards required by the Americans With Disabilities Act. Any person needing additional accommodations to participate in this prehearing conference shall call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 or dial Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the conference.

2. Any party that wishes to participate in the conference by telephone may do so by calling (573) 526-5904 or (866) 630-9352 at the time set for the argument.

3. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

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

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Harold Stearley, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 19th day of May, 2009.