

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

In the Matter of I.H. Utilities, Inc. Small	)	<b><u>Case No. WR-2010-0048</u></b>
Company Rate Increase.	)	Tracking No. QW-2007-0003

**STAFF'S STATUS REPORT**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and for its *Status Report* states the following:

1. On August 3, 2009, Staff filed a Notice of Company/Staff Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Water Company Revenue Increase Request and Motion to Set Prehearing Conference (Disposition Agreement) with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission); and I.H. Utilities, Inc. (I.H.) filed its Schedule for Rates for Water designated YW-2010-0068.

2. On August 4, 2009, the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) filed its Request for Local Public Hearing.

3. On August 5, 2009, the Commission issued an Order Scheduling Procedural Conference for August 6, 2009.

4. At the procedural conference on August 6, 2009, Staff shared that it received information regarding availability charges, obtained the night before that needed to be evaluated to determine if it changed the substance of the Disposition Agreement and tariffs filed.

5. On August 10, 2009, the Commission issued its Order to File Status Report directing Staff and OPC, either jointly or separately, to file a status report informing the Commission of the status of the Disposition Agreement and tariff, and how to proceed.

6. On August 10, 2009, Staff filed its Timeline and Request for Order Approving Timeline to propose uniform deadlines since Commission Rules 4 CSR 240-3.635 (Water Utility

Small Company Rate Increase Procedure effective April 30, 2003) and 4 CSR 240-3.050 (Small Utility Rate Case Procedure effective May 30, 2008) are both currently in effect, and therefore impact this rate request as it was instituted in August 2006.

7. I.H. filed, on August 10, 2009, a substitute tariff sheet to remove language involving availability charges.

8. With this substitute tariff sheet filed, Staff's position is for this case to proceed.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff submits this *Status Report* for the Commission's information.

Respectfully submitted,

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