BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Big Island Water & Sewer Company for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Authorizing It to Construct, Install, Own, Operate, Control, Manage and Maintain a Water and Sewer System for the Public Located in an Unincorporated Area in Camden County, Missouri

) Case No. WA-2006-0480, et al.

NOTICE REGARDING COMMISSION PROCEDURES AND THE FILING OF LETTERS, COMMENTS, AND OTHER PLEADINGS

Issue Date: August 31, 2006

On June 16, 2006, Big Island Water & Sewer Company filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission, pursuant to Section 393.170, RSMo 2000, requesting that the Commission grant it authority to provide water and sewer service to an unincorporated portion of Camden County, Missouri. Sixteen individuals, all acting without the benefit of legal counsel, have been allowed to intervene in this case. Since that time, several intervenors have filed letters or other pleadings requesting that the Commission deny Big Island Water & Sewer Company's application. The Company responded to those letters and pleadings, drawing impassioned replies from some of the intervenors.

The Commission has formal procedures in place to deal with applications for certificates of service authority.¹ At the Commission's direction, the Commission's Staff

¹ The Commission's rule may be found on its website at <u>www.psc.mo.gov</u>

filed a proposed procedural schedule on August 25. If any party wishes to respond to that proposal they may do so until September 5. Once the Commission establishes a procedural schedule, the parties will be given an opportunity to prefile written testimony, upon which they will be cross-examined at an evidentiary hearing. So that all the parties can better understand this procedure, a prehearing conference will be scheduled in a few weeks.

The pleadings that have been flying back and forth do not fit within the Commission's procedures and they are unnecessary. The only thing they accomplish is to raise the blood pressure of the parties. All parties will be given an opportunity to present the evidence that they want the Commission to consider, but they must wait to do so at the proper time and in the proper form.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 31st day of August, 2006.

Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge