

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of a Request for a Rate Increase By Branson Cedars Resort Utility Company LLC)
) **File No. WR-2018-0356**
)

ORDER SETTING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING AND DIRECTING FILINGS

Issue Date: July 17, 2018

Effective Date: July 17, 2018

On May 31, 2018, pursuant to the Missouri Public Service Commission's small company rate increase procedure,¹ Branson Cedars Resort Utility Company LLC filed a letter with the Commission requesting an increase in its annual operating revenues. On June 20, 2018, Branson Cedars filed a second letter indicating the rate increase request encompassed both water and sewer rates.

Under section (7) of Commission rule 4 CSR 240-10.075, a local public hearing, if needed, shall be held within 60 days of the initial request for a rate increase. At the procedural conference on May 29, 2018, Mr. Hyams, on behalf of Branson Cedars, stated that he had previously sent notice to each of the customers informing them that the local public hearing would be held on July 27, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. Therefore, the Commission will set that time for a local public hearing.

The Commission will also direct Branson Cedars to submit to this file, a copy of the notice of the time and date for the local public hearing Branson Cedars previously provided to customers. The Commission directs Branson Cedars to be prepared at the local public hearing to provide a "summary of the proposed rates and charges, the effect

¹ 4 CSR 240-10.075.

of the proposed rate increase on an average residential customer's bill, and any other customer requests that may affect customers, if known."² Additionally, the Commission will set a date for customer comments to be submitted and direct the Staff of the Commission to make available at the local public hearing information including "instructions as to how comments can be submitted electronically, by telephone, and in writing"³ and "[i]nstructions for viewing the publicly available filings made in the case via the"⁴ Commission's electronic filing and information system (EFIS). Further, the Commission will direct Branson Cedars to provide each of its customers with notice of these items after the conclusion of the local public hearing and file such notice in EFIS.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. A local public hearing is scheduled on July 27, 2018, beginning at 6:00 p.m., at the Sales Center, Branson Cedars Resort, 769 State Hwy 86, Ridgedale, Missouri 65739.

2. The local public hearing will be held in a facility that meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodation to participate in the hearing is asked to call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

3. The Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of Taney County, Missouri.

² 4 CSR 240-10.075(7)(A)2.

³ 4 CSR 240-10.075(7)(A)3.

⁴ 4 CSR 240-10.075(7)(A)4.

4. The Public Policy and Outreach Department of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall send a copy of this order to members of the General Assembly and to the media that serve the service area of Branson Cedars Resort Utility Company LLC.

5. The Public Policy and Outreach Department of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall make an informational presentation and conduct a question-and-answer session for the public at the beginning of the local public hearing. After the question-and-answer session, the Commission will conduct a formal comment hearing.

6. Branson Cedars Resort Utility Company LLC, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, and the Office of the Public Counsel shall make a representative available to address substantive issues during the question-and-answer session.

7. No later than July 25, 2018, Branson Cedars Resort Utility Company LLC shall submit to this file, a copy of the notice of the time and date for the local public hearing previously provided to customers.

8. Branson Cedars Resort Utility Company LLC shall be prepared at the local public hearing to provide a written “summary of the proposed rates and charges, the effect of the proposed rate increase on an average residential customer’s bill, and any other customer requests that may affect customers, if known.”⁵

9. Customers may submit comments through August 31, 2018.

10. The Staff of the Commission shall make available at the local public hearing instructions as to how comments can be submitted electronically, by telephone,

⁵ 4 CSR 240-10.075(7)(A)2.

and in writing, as well as instructions for viewing the publicly available filings made in the case via EFIS.

11. After the conclusion of the local public hearing and no later than August 6, 2018, Branson Cedars Resort Utility Company LLC shall provide each of its customers with written notice of the comment period deadline and instructions as to how to submit those comments. Branson Cedars Resort Utility Company LLC shall file such notice in EFIS.

12. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 17th day of July, 2018.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission,
at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 17th day of July 2018.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



**Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary**

Recipients listed above with a valid e-mail address will receive electronic service. Recipients without a valid e-mail address will receive paper service.