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6 Local Public Hearing  
7 June 13, 2017  
8 Stockton, Missouri  
9 Volume 1  
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11 In the Matter of Stockton ) File No. WR-2017-0139  
12 Hills Water Company Rate )  
13 Increase )

14 KIM S. BURTON, Presiding  
15 SENIOR REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

16 WILLIAM P. KENNEY  
17 COMMISSIONER  
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 (WHEREUPON, the hearing began at 6:45 p.m.)

3 JUDGE BURTON: Let's go ahead and go on  
4 the record in the matter of Stockton Hills rate  
5 increase, File No. WR-2017-0139. The  
6 Commission has set this time at 6:00 p.m. for a  
7 question and answer session on June 13th, 2017.  
8 And we are now offering the option for  
9 individuals to offer live testimony for the  
10 Commission's consideration.

11 At this point I will take the entries of  
12 appearance for all parties present. And we  
13 will begin with the Office of Public Counsel?

14 MR. OPITZ: Thank you, Judge. For the  
15 Office of Public Counsel, my name is Tim Opitz,  
16 and my address is P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson  
17 City, Missouri 65102.

18 JUDGE BURTON: Thank you. And on behalf  
19 of the Staff and the Missouri Public Service  
20 Commission?

21 MR. WESTEN: Good evening, Judge. My name  
22 is Jacob Westen and I am a Deputy Counsel with  
23 the Staff Counsel's Office for the Staff of the  
24 Public Service Commission. My contact  
25 information has been already provided to the

1 court reporter.

2 JUDGE BURTON: Thank you, Mr. Westen. And  
3 are there any other parties present by counsel?  
4 Okay, seeing no hands.

5 Good evening, everyone, and thank you for  
6 coming. My name is Kim Burton and I am a  
7 regulatory law judge for the Missouri Public  
8 Service Commission and our offices are up in  
9 Jefferson City. And I would now like to  
10 introduce to you one of our Commissioners, Bill  
11 Kenney.

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEY: Thank you very much  
13 for attending tonight. I am one of the five  
14 Commissioners. We always try to have a  
15 Commissioner -- one Commissioner present at all  
16 public forums. But the other four --  
17 everything -- if you have any questions or any  
18 comments tonight, everything will be in the  
19 record and the other Commissioners will have an  
20 opportunity to review that. So again, I  
21 appreciate your attendance here tonight. Thank  
22 you.

23 JUDGE BURTON: Now, the reason we have  
24 this local public hearing is because Stockton  
25 Hills Water Company submitted a request for a

1 rate increase with the Public Service  
2 Commission. And a Notice of Disposition  
3 Agreement was filed with the Staff of Missouri  
4 Public Service Commission and the Company. The  
5 Office of the Public Counsel requests this  
6 local public hearing to see if there are any  
7 questions, concerns, or comments from the  
8 public. Now, we did have the question and  
9 answer session that was off the record. The  
10 Commissioners, myself, we're not parties to the  
11 conversations that you had there.

12 Now, if there are any questions or  
13 concerns or statements that you would like to  
14 offer for the Commission to consider, I'd now  
15 like to give you an opportunity to come up here  
16 and I will swear you in and this lovely lady  
17 will type down everything you say for the  
18 transcript that Commissioner Kenney was  
19 referring to and we can take your testimony.  
20 Is there anyone who would like to offer  
21 testimony for the Commission?

22 Okay. Well, seeing no hands, that will  
23 conclude today's local public hearing. And I  
24 want to thank everyone for coming out, I really  
25 do appreciate your attendance. And I also want

1 to thank the Commanders for this lovely  
2 facility and the use of VFW Post 5525. And we  
3 are now off the record.

4 (WHEREUPON, the hearing concluded at 6:50  
5 p.m.)

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2 STATE OF MISSOURI )  
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