

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Brandco	)	
Investments, LLC and Hillcrest Utility Operating	)	
Company, Inc., for Hillcrest to Acquire Certain Water	)	<b><u>File No. WO-2014-0340</u></b>
and Sewer Assets of Brandco and, in Connection	)	<b><u>File No. SO-2014-0341</u></b>
Therewith, Issue Indebtedness and Encumber Assets	)	

**ORDER AND NOTICE**

Issue Date: May 14, 2014

Effective Date: May 14, 2014

On May 13, 2014<sup>1</sup>, Brando Investment, LLC (“Brandco”) and Hillcrest Utility Operating Company, Inc. (“Hillcrest”). asked that the Commission approve Hillcrest’s agreement to purchase Brandco’s water and sewer assets. Hillcrest would partially finance the purchase via debt and encumbrance of those assets, and also asks the Commission to approve the same. Finally, Hillcrest wishes to become regulated by the Commission, and, thus, also wishes for the Commission to grant it a certificate of convenience and necessity to own and operate those water and sewer assets.

The Commission finds that notice of the application should be given to the general public and interested parties and a date for intervention of proper parties should be set. The Commission’s Data Center shall mail a copy of this notice to the County Commission of Cape Girardeau County, and to the Department of Natural Resources of the State of Missouri. In addition, the Commission’s public information officer shall make notice of this order available to the media serving Cape Girardeau County and to the members of the General Assembly representing Cape Girardeau County.

The requirement of a hearing has been fulfilled when all those having a desire to be heard are offered an opportunity to be heard. If no party requests a hearing, the

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<sup>1</sup> Calendar references are to 2014 unless otherwise noted.

Commission may determine that a hearing is not necessary for a determination on the application.<sup>2</sup>

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Missouri Public Service Commission's Data Center is ordered to serve notice as described in the body of this order.

2. The Missouri Public Service Commission's information officer is ordered to serve notice as described in the body of this order.

3. Any proper person wishing to intervene in this matter shall file an application no later than June 3, 2014. Such applications shall be filed with:

Secretary  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 360  
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

4. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



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

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Ronald D. Pridgin, Deputy Chief Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
Under Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014.

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<sup>2</sup> *State ex rel. Deffenderfer v. Public Service Commission*, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo App. 1989).