

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

In the Matter of S.K.&M. Water and)	<u>Case Nos. WR-2007-0460 &</u>
Sewer Company's Rate Increase Request)	<u>SR-2007-0461</u>

PUBLIC COUNSEL'S REQUEST FOR LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and for its Request for Local Public Hearing states as follows:

1. On May 31, 2007, S.K.&M. Water and Sewer Company (SK&M) filed tariff sheets to implement rate increases for its water and sewer services in an unincorporated area of Perry County, Missouri.
2. On June 7, 2007, Staff filed a Notice of Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Company Rate Increase Request indicating an agreement between Staff and SK&M for rate increases of approximately 29.5% for water service and 49.1% for sewer service. Public Counsel did not join in the agreement.
3. Due to the fact that rate increases of such large magnitudes are under consideration, affording customers the opportunity to speak to the Commission at a hearing is a critical part of the process. Therefore, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.330 and 3.635, Public Counsel requests a local public hearing.
4. The service territory affected by this increase is in an unincorporated area of Perry County, Missouri, and Public Counsel suggests the hearing be held at a location in nearby Perryville, Missouri.

5. Public Counsel does not object to the Commission scheduling the hearing promptly, as long as customers are given sufficient notice.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully requests that the Commission schedule a local public hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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