

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

In the Matter of Elm Hills Utility Operating)
Company, Inc.'s Request for a Water Rate) **File No. WR-2020-0275**
Increase)

ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Issue Date: September 3, 2020

Effective Date: September 3, 2020

On March 6, 2020, Elm Hills Utility Operating Company, Inc. (Elm Hills) filed letters under the Staff assisted rate case procedures requesting increases in its annual overall operating revenues for its sewer and water services.

In Staff assisted rate cases, Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-10.075(5)(A) sets forth that Staff and the utility may agree to extensions of various deadlines up to thirty days in length. A total of thirty days of extension have already been agreed to and applied. The rule offers no provisions for further extensions of time.

On September 2, 2020, Elm Hills filed a request to waive the limit of thirty days of extensions provided for in 20 CSR 4240-10.075(5)(A),¹ and further extend the deadline for submission of a disposition agreement by seven days, to September 9, 2020. The parties believe that an additional seven days would be helpful in reaching a resolution. In support of its request, counsel for Elm Hills represents that Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel do not object to its request. Based upon counsel's assertion, the Commission will consider this request unopposed.

¹ The Commission notes that the 150 day time limit for filing of a disposition agreement, which underlies the requested extension, is imposed separately in the Staff assisted rate case rule, at 20 CSR 4240-10.075(11)(A).

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-10.075(15), the final subsection of the Staff assisted rate case rule, allows for waiver of any provision of the rule upon a finding of good cause. The Commission finds good cause exists to extend the applicable deadline to allow the parties more time to reach a disposition agreement.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Elm Hill's request for waiver of 20 CSR 4240-10.075(5)(A) and an extension of time granted. In connection, the Commission also waives the 150 day time limit for filing a disposition agreement under 20 CSR 4240-10.075(11)(A). The disposition agreement shall be filed no later than September 9, 2020.
2. 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

Charles Hatcher, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo (2016).

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 3rd day of September, 2020.