

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

In the Matter of Hickory Hills Water &)
Sewer Co.'s Request for a Small Company)
Rate Increase.)

Case No. WR-2006-0250
Tariff No. YW-2006-0449

MOTION TO CANCEL PREHEARING CONFERENCE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, and for its Motion to Cancel Prehearing Conference ("Motion") states the following to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission").

1. On December 12, 2005 (unless noted otherwise, all dates herein refer to the year 2005), Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Company, Inc. ("Hickory Hills") submitted to the Commission revised tariff sheets to implement an increase in its water rates and the instant case was established.

2. On December 13, the Commission issued its **Order Directing Filing and Setting Prehearing Conference** ("December 13 Order") in the instant case, wherein it scheduled a Prehearing Conference for December 21 at which the parties to this case ". . . should be prepared to discuss a proposed procedural schedule and the necessity of a local public hearing." (The parties to this case are Hickory Hills, the Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC").)

3. On December 15, the Staff filed the Company/Staff Disposition Agreement regarding Hickory Hills' small company rate increase request, upon which Hickory Hills' proposed tariff revisions are based.

4. On December 16, Mark Wheatley of the OPC notified Dale Johansen of the Commission's Water & Sewer Department that the OPC will indeed be requesting a local public hearing for this case.

5. Generally, the small company rate case procedure does not contemplate the establishment of a procedural schedule similar to the schedule that is normally established for formal rate cases before the Commission.

6. Inasmuch as the OPC has stated its intention to request a local public for this case, and since there is no need for the parties to discuss a procedural schedule, the Staff does not believe the scheduled Prehearing Conference is needed and thus recommends that the Commission issue an order canceling that conference.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order canceling the Prehearing Conference currently scheduled in this case on December 21.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of this Motion have been mailed with first class postage, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or transmitted via e-mail to all counsel and/or parties of record this 20th day of December 2005.

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