

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

In the Matter of Lakeland Heights Water)
Company, Inc. Small Company Rate Increase.) **File No. WR-2009-0227**

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL’S MOTION TO SUSPEND TARIFF

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and for its Motion to Suspend Tariff states as follows:

1. On November 26, 2008, Lakeland Heights Water Company, Inc. (Lakeland) initiated a small company rate increase proceeding with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) requesting an increase in its annual water system operating revenues of \$10,200.
2. On April 27, 2009, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a Notice of Company/Staff Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Water Company Revenue Increase Request (Staff/Company Disposition) indicating an agreement between Staff and Lakeland for an annualized water operating revenue increase of \$9,191 annually (approximately 77.51%).
3. On April 30, 2009, Lakeland filed proposed revised tariff sheets reflecting the agreements in the Staff/Company Disposition. These proposed revised tariff sheets bear an effective date of June 15, 2009.
4. On May 29, 2009, Public Counsel filed a Request for Local Public Hearing, or in the Alternative, Request for Evidentiary Hearing in which Public Counsel requested that the Commission schedule a local public hearing. In the alternative, if the Commission determines that it should deny Public Counsel’s request for a local public hearing, Public Counsel requested an evidentiary hearing in this matter.

5. Section 393.150 RSMo 2000 provides that the Commission may suspend tariff sheets for a maximum period of 120 days plus six months. Regardless of whether the Commission grants Public Counsel's request for a local public hearing or an evidentiary hearing is held, either process would require additional time beyond the June 15th effective date of the proposed tariff revisions. Therefore, the Commission should suspend the proposed revised tariff sheets for the maximum period to allow adequate time for either a local public hearing or an evidentiary hearing and subsequent case disposition as appropriate.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully requests that the Commission grant its motion to suspend tariff.

Respectfully submitted,

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