

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Valley)
Woods Water Co., Inc. for an Increase in) **File No. WR-2010-0139**
Annual Water System Operating Revenues) **Tariff No. YW-2010-0592**

In the Matter of the Application of Valley)
Woods Water Co., Inc. for an Increase in) **File No. SR-2010-0140**
Annual Sewer System Operating Revenues) **Tariff No. YS-2010-0593**

ORDER SETTING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

Issue Date: May 13, 2010

Effective Date: May 13, 2010

Background

On November 3, 2009, Valley Woods Water Co., Inc. ("Valley Woods") initiated a small water and a small sewer company rate increase action pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050. On April 2, 2010,¹ Staff and Valley Woods filed a Disposition Agreement ("Agreement") that included comprehensive accounting schedules, a review of Valley Woods' customer service and business operation, and example tariffs designed to implement the agreed-upon revenue requirements. On April 7, Valley Woods filed revised tariff sheets reflecting certain rate and language changes to bring the tariffs into full conformity with the Agreement. The tariff sheets bear an effective date of May 24.

The Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel") did not join in the Agreement. Instead, on May 10, Public Counsel requested a local public hearing. Public Counsel notes that the Agreement would result in rate increases considerably higher than the rate increases Valley Woods originally requested. This is sufficient for the grant of a public hearing.

¹ All dates from this point forward refer to the year 2009 unless otherwise noted.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.110(1) requires the Commission to set the time and place for hearings and serve notice as required by law. Section 536.067(4), RSMo 2000, and Section 386.390.5, RSMo 2000, require at least ten days notice be given prior to a hearing.

In complying with its statutory mandate, and taking into consideration the expedited nature of the small sewer company rate increase procedure, the Commission shall set the date for the local public hearing for Wednesday, June 2, 2010. At the hearing, the Staff of the Commission will hold an informal question-and-answer session beginning at 5:30 p.m. The hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will conclude when every person who wishes to testify has done so.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission gives notice that it shall hold a local public hearing on June 2, 2010, beginning at 6:00 p.m. A question-and-answer session will be held before the hearing beginning at 5:30 p.m.

2. The local public hearing shall be held at: Council Chamber, Highlandville City Hall, 216 Kentling Avenue, Highlandville, Missouri.

3. No later than May 24, 2010, Valley Woods Water Co., Inc. shall mail to its customers notice of this hearing consistent with this order, said notice being approved by the Staff of the Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel before it is mailed, as required by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(18). Staff shall file a copy of the notice in these cases no later than May 26, 2010.

4. Customers wishing to make written comments or secure additional information may contact the Office of the Public Counsel, Post Office Box 2230, Jefferson City,

Missouri 65102, telephone (573) 751-4857. Comments may also be registered in this case using the Internet Electronic Filing System at <http://psces/mpsc/>. Use the link to the Public Comment section and fill in all required fields on the comment page.

5. The local public hearing shall be held in a facility that meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodation to participate in the hearing should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

6. The Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of Christian County, Missouri.

7. The Public Information Office of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall make notice of this order available to members of the General Assembly representing the residents in the service area of Valley Woods Water Co., Inc., and to the news media serving the residents of that service area.

8. No later than June 9, 2010, the Staff of the Commission shall file a pleading as required by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(19).

9. No later than June 16, 2010, the Office of the Public Counsel shall file a pleading as required by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(19).

10. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. C. Reed', written over a horizontal line.

Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Ronald D. Pridgin, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 13th day of May, 2010.