

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

In the Matter of the Application of Valley	)	
Woods Water Co., Inc Request for an	)	<u>Case No. WR-2010-0139</u>
Increase in Annual Water System	)	
Operating Revenues.	)	

In the Matter of the Application of Valley	)	
Woods Water Co., Inc Request for an	)	<u>Case No. SR-2010-0140</u>
Increase in Annual Sewer System	)	
Operating Revenues.	)	

**THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL’S STATEMENT OF POSITION**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and for its Statement of Position states as follows:

1. On November 3, 2009, Valley Woods Water Company, Inc. (Valley Woods) initiated small company rate increase proceedings with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) requesting increases in its annual water and sewer operating revenues of \$2,880 and \$1,488, respectively.
2. On April 2, 2010, 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* and a *Notice of Company/Staff Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Sewer Company Revenue Increase Request* (Company/Staff Agreements) in the above stated cases indicating agreement between Staff and Valley Woods for a water rate increase of \$8,169 (approximately 113%) and a sewer rate increase of \$11,569 annually (approximately 110%). Public Counsel did not join in the agreements.

3. Revised tariff sheets reflecting the proposed rates agreed to in the Company/Staff Agreements were filed by Valley Woods on April 7, 2010.
4. On June 2, 2010, a local public hearing was held to allow customers to comment on the proposed rate increases.
5. 4 CSR 240-3.050 (19) requires Public Counsel to file, no later than ten (10) working days after the local public hearing, a pleading stating its position regarding the Company/Staff Agreement and the related tariff revisions, or requesting that the Commission hold an evidentiary hearing, and providing the reasons for its position or request. 4 CSR 240-3.050 (20) states that if Public Counsel requests an evidentiary hearing, the request shall include a specified list of issues that the Public Counsel believes should be the subject of the hearing.
6. Pursuant to the requirements in 4 CSR 240-3.050 (19), Public Counsel now states that it will not object to the Company/Staff Agreements or the related tariff revisions filed in the above stated cases.

**WHEREFORE,** Public Counsel respectfully submits its Statement of Position.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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