

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

In the Matter of Request for Increase in                    )  
Annual Sewer Operating Revenues by                    )  
R.D. Sewer Company, L.L.C.                                )  
**File No. SR-2012-0263**

In the Matter of the Rate Increase for                    )  
Lakeland Heights Water Company, Inc.                )  
**File No. WR-2012-0266**

In the Matter of the Rate Increase of                    )  
Oakbrier Water Co.                                        )  
**File No. WR-2012-0267**

**ORDER SETTING EVIDENTIARY HEARINGS**

Issue Date: October 11, 2012

Effective Date: October 11, 2012

On January 31, 2012,<sup>1</sup> R. D. Sewer Co., L.L.C., Lakeland Heights Water Co., Inc., and Oakbrier Water Company, Inc., (“the companies”) initiated small company rate increase actions pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050.<sup>2</sup> On August 28, the Staff of the Commission (hereafter “Staff”) and the companies filed Disposition Agreements that included comprehensive accounting schedules, a review of customer service and business operation and example tariffs designed to implement the agreed upon revenue requirements.

The Office of the Public Counsel (hereafter “OPC”) did not join in the Agreements. Instead, on October 4, OPC filed motions requesting the Commission to suspend the tariff and schedule local public hearings, which the Commission has granted. Those hearings are set for October 29-30.

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<sup>1</sup> Calendar dates are in 2012.

<sup>2</sup> These companies have the same owner.

On October 11, the Staff of the Commission requested that the Commission schedule evidentiary hearings. Staff does not necessarily believe that the cases will proceed to hearing. But due to the December 31 decision deadline imposed by Commission rule, Staff wants the Commission to set a hearing date in case the parties are unable to resolve their differences.

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 company rate increase procedure, as well as the Commission's schedule, the Commission shall set the dates for the evidentiary hearings for November 15-16. The hearings will be convened jointly.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The evidentiary hearings shall be held at The Governor Office Building, 200 Madison, Jefferson City, Missouri, Room 305, on November 15-16, beginning each day at 8:30 a.m. These are facilities that meet the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodation to participate in the hearings should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearings.

2. The following procedural schedule is established:

List of Issues and Order of Witnesses – November 8, 2012

Live Evidentiary Hearing	–	November 15-16, 2012
Transcripts Filed	–	November 27, 2012
Proposed Reports and Orders	–	December 6, 2012

3. This order shall become effective immediately on issuance.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Steven C. Reed  
Secretary

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 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012.