

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Staff of the
Missouri Public Service Commission,

Complainant,

v.

Whiteside Hidden Acres, L.L.C.,
Dale Whiteside
HC77, Box 899 C
Pittsburg, MO 65724,

CERTIFIED MAIL

Respondent.

File No. WC-2014-0148

ORDER GIVING NOTICE OF COMPLAINT

Issue Date: November 19, 2013

Effective Date: November 19, 2013

The Commission is giving notice of the commencement of a contested case. On November 19, 2013, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a complaint with the Missouri Public Service Commission against the above-referenced Respondent. This is a contested case, pursuant to Section 386.390, RSMo 2000.

A contested case is a formal hearing procedure, but the law allows waiver of procedural formalities and a decision without a hearing,¹ including by stipulation and agreement.² Provisions governing discovery are at the Commission's regulation 4 CSR 240-2.090. Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.040, non-attorneys are not permitted to represent business entities before the Commission.

¹ Sections 536.060, RSMo 2000.

² *Id.* and 4 CSR 240-2.115.

Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.070(8), Respondent has until December 20, 2013 to file its answer to the complaint.

As an alternative to the formal evidentiary hearing procedure, the Commission offers mediation. Mediation is a voluntary process in which a neutral person assists the parties in exploring opportunities for settlement. Upon a request for mediation, the Commission may suspend the filing date set forth in this order.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall send a copy of this order and the complaint in File No. WC-2014-0148 to the following by certified mail, return receipt requested:

Whiteside Hidden Acres, L.L.C.,
Dale Whiteside
HC77, Box 899 C
Pittsburg, MO 65724.

2. No later than December 20, 2013, Respondent shall file its answer to the complaint. All pleadings shall be submitted on the Commission's Electronic Filing & Information System (EFIS) or mailed to:

Secretary of the Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360.

3. This order is effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Kim S. Burton, Regulatory Law Judge,
By delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 19th day of November, 2013.