

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

In the Matter of the Water Rate Request of)
Hillcrest Utility Operating Company, Inc.) **File No. WR-2016-0064 et al.**

ORDER SETTING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

Issue Date: February 23, 2016

Effective Date: February 23, 2016

On September 15, 2015, Hillcrest Utility Operating Company, Inc. (“Company”) filed a letter with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) requesting that the Commission approve increases in its annual water and sewer operating revenues. On February 18, 2016, the Office of the Public Counsel requested that the Commission schedule a local public hearing regarding the rate request. The Company does not object to the proposed local public hearing. The Commission finds that the request for a local public hearing is reasonable and will grant the request.

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 consideration of the expedited nature of the local public hearing in this case, the Company shall mail notice of the hearing to its customers as soon as possible. The Commission’s Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commissions located in the Company’s service area. In addition, the Commission’s Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the media and the members of the Missouri General Assembly representing counties in the Company’s service area.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission shall hold a local public hearing on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, beginning at 6:00 p.m. and continuing until all persons who wish to testify have done so, in the Osage Centre, Room 3A, 1625 N. Kingshighway, Cape Girardeau, Missouri 63701. This meeting will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Anyone needing additional accommodations to participate shall call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the conference.

2. The Commission's Staff shall conduct a question-and-answer session for the public beginning at 5:00 p.m. on the date of the hearing. Hillcrest Utility Operating Company, Inc., Staff, and the Office of the Public Counsel shall have representatives available at the session to answer questions.

3. Hillcrest Utility Operating Company, Inc. shall mail notice of this hearing to all of its customers as soon as possible.

4. The Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county in Hillcrest Utility Operating Company, Inc.'s service area.

5. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the members of the General Assembly representing, and the news media serving, Hillcrest Utility Operating Company, Inc.'s service area.

6. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Michael Bushmann, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 23rd day of February, 2016.