

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc.)
Request for a Increase in Annual Water System) **File No. WR-2011-0056**
Operating Revenues)

ORDER REGARDING STAFF'S MOTION TO CANCEL LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

Issue Date: March 18, 2011

Effective Date: March 18, 2011

On March 17, 2011, Staff filed a status report indicating the parties have reached a settlement, and that the settlement proposal will be filed by March 25, 2011. In light of the settlement, Staff moves the Commission to cancel the local public hearing that is set for March 23, 2011. The Office of the Public Counsel is opposed to the cancelation.

While the Commission appreciates Staff's desire to conserve administrative resources, the Commission agrees with Public Counsel. While issues of setting rates for the company may be resolved between the parties, the Commission has still not reviewed or approved any proposed settlement. The local public hearing may also reveal quality and service issues that the Commission will want to consider when it makes its decision.

Additionally, because the posture of this case has changed just prior to the local public hearing, the Commission will eliminate the requirement that parties prepare a one-page summary of their positions on the rate increase request for the local public hearing.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission's motion to cancel the local public hearing is denied. The local public hearing shall proceed as scheduled.

2. The requirement that parties prepare a one-page summary of their positions on the rate increase request is canceled.

3. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 18th day of March, 2011.