

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Rate Increase Requests of the Regulated Water and Sewer Utilities Owned and Operated by Ozark International, Inc.	) ) ) ) ) )	File No. WR-2015-0192  Tracking Nos. JW-2016-0082, JW-2016-0083, JW-2016-0084, JW-2016-0085, JW-2016-0086, YS-2016-0088, YW-2016-0087
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## NOTICE AND ORDER RE-SETTING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

Issue Date: November 4, 2015

Effective Date: November 4, 2015

The following companies requested rate increases that the Commission has consolidated under this file number.

<i>Company-(Service)</i>	<i>Original File No.</i> <sup>1</sup>
Bilyeu Ridge Water Company, LLC-(Water)	WR-2015-0192
Midland Water Company, Inc.-(Water)	WR-2015-0193
Moore Bend Water Utility, LLC-(Water)	WR-2015-0194
Riverfork Water Company-(Water)	WR-2015-0195
Taney County Water, LLC-(Water)	WR-2015-0196
Valley Woods Utility, LLC-(Water)	WR-2015-0197
Valley Woods Utility, LLC-(Sewer)	SR-2015-0198

Those requests are now the subject of a disposition agreement (“agreement”)<sup>2</sup> between the companies and the Commission’s staff. The agreement proposes a full resolution of the requests through rate adjustments and other provisions. But the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”) did not join in the agreement, and has requested local public hearings at

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<sup>1</sup> Electronic Filing and Information System <http://pscprodweb/mpsc/> (“EFIS”). All other citations to EFIS refer to this File No. WR-2015-0192.

<sup>2</sup> EFIS No. 9 (September 8, 2015) *Notice of Disposition*.

which interested persons may testify.<sup>3</sup> The Commission granted that request,<sup>4</sup> and will re-set<sup>5</sup> the local public hearings on the date requested by both OPC<sup>6</sup> and Staff,<sup>7</sup> as near as possible to the locations requested by OPC.<sup>8</sup>

## **THE COMMISSION ORDERS:**

1. **Settings.** The Commission will convene local public hearings on the proposed rate adjustments on November 19, 2015, as follows:

- a. Forsyth, 11:30 a.m. in the Forsyth High School Auditorium, 178 Panther Street, Forsyth, MO 65653. The local public hearing will begin with a question-and-answer session. At 12:30 p.m., the question-and-answer session will conclude and the Commission will take testimony.
- b. Ozark, 5:30 p.m. in the Municipal Court Room, 203-B East Brick Street, Ozark, MO 65721. The local public hearing will begin with a question-and-answer session. At 6:30, p.m., the question-and-answer session will conclude and the Commission will take testimony.

## **2. Notice.**

- a. The Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall serve a copy of this order upon the County Commissions of Christian County, Taney County, and Stone County, Missouri.

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<sup>3</sup> EFIS No. 25 (October 14, 2015) *The Office of the Public Counsel's Request for Local Public Hearings.*

<sup>4</sup> EFIS No. 26 (October 16, 2015) *Order Granting Local Public Hearings.*

<sup>5</sup> This order constitutes a re-setting of the local public hearings; the first setting was canceled because it issued with insufficient time to issue notice. EFIS No. 28 (October 22, 2015) *Order Canceling Local Public Hearings and Directing Filing.*

<sup>6</sup> EFIS No. 30 (October 29, 2015) *Public Counsel's Local Public Hearing Date Recommendations.*

<sup>7</sup> EFIS No. 31 (October 29, 2015) *Staff's Response to Order Directing Filing.*

<sup>8</sup> EFIS No. 30 (October 29, 2015) *Public Counsel's Local Public Hearing Date Recommendations.*

b. The Public Information Office of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall make notice of this order available to members of the General Assembly representing the residents in the water and sewer service areas of Bilyeu Ridge Water Company, LLC; Midland Water Company, Inc.; Moore Bend Water Utility, LLC; Riverfork Water Company; Taney County Water, LLC; and Valley Woods Utility, LLC.

3. Accommodations. Any assigned room meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act and any person who needs additional accommodations to participate in the pre-hearing conference shall alert the Public Service Commission before the hearing by calling the Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711.

4. Effective Date. This order shall be effective when issued.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015.