

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

In the Matter of the Water Rate)	
Increase Request of)	
Hillcrest Utility Operating)	
Company, Inc.)	
)	
Consolidated with,)	<u>Case No. WR-2016-0064</u>
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In the Matter of the Sewer Rate)	
Increase Request of)	
Hillcrest Utility Operating)	
Company, Inc.)	

MOTION FOR EXTENSION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and Hillcrest Utility Operating Company, Inc. (Hillcrest), by and through counsel, and for their *Motion for Additional Extension* in these matters hereby state:

1. On September 15, 2015, Hillcrest filed a letter with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) requesting that the Commission approve increases in its annual water and sewer operating revenues, which resulted in the Commission opening two cases, Case Nos. WR-2016-0064 and SR-2016-0065. On October 9, 2015, Staff filed a *Motion to Consolidate*, which the Commission granted on October 21, 2015, consolidating both cases under Case No. WR-2016-0064. Hillcrest and Staff filed a joint *Motion for Extension* to extend the requirement to file an executed disposition under 4 CSR 240-3.050(11), by 10 days. The Commission granted that extension and set as the new filing date February 26, 2016.

2. Staff during that extension met with Hillcrest and the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) to discuss settlement propositions from the parties. As a result of those propositions, Hillcrest and Staff believe that a full settlement of this matter is possible.

3. OPC requested a local public hearing in this matter on February 18, 2016. The Commission set the local public hearing for Wednesday March 9, 2016 at 6 p.m.

4. Staff, therefore, requests an additional extension of the 4 CSR 240-13.050(11) requirement to file an executed disposition agreement of 21 days, up to and including March 18, 2016, to accommodate the local public hearing and further negotiations with the Company. If no disposition agreement is filed on March 18, 2016, the parties will file a *Proposed Procedural Schedule* on March 21, 2016.

5. Staff has conferred with all parties and none have any objection to this motion.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will grant this request for an extension to March 18, 2016; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 26th day of February, 2016, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Whitney Payne