

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

In the Matter of a Requested Rate Increase for                    )  
Annual Sewer Operating Revenues by                                )  
Hickory Hills Water & Sewer    )       File No. SR-2014-0166

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Annual Water Operating Revenues by                                )  
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**ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

Issue Date: March 18, 2014

Effective Date: March 18, 2014

The Missouri Public Service Commission is directing Staff to file a statement of when it can make a recommendation on emergency rate relief for Hickory Hills Water & Sewer, Inc. (“Hickory Hills”).

On December 2, 2013, Hickory Hills filed a request for a rate increase.<sup>1</sup> Currently, a settlement proposal is developing among Hickory Hills, Staff, and the Office of the Public Counsel, according to the timeline<sup>2</sup> filed by Staff in accordance with the Commission’s regulation.<sup>3</sup> But on March 17, 2014, Hickory Hills filed a letter<sup>4</sup> (“motion”) “requesting an emergency rate increase” and alleging a specific purpose (“emergency”):

. . . the specific need to pump and haul contaminated wastewater from the lagoon to a permitted facility capable of accepting and treating the contaminated wastewater.

The motion does not set forth the amount of revenue needed to address that emergency, or the rate increase needed to raise that revenue, or the proposed timing of a rate increase.

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<sup>1</sup> EFIS No. 1, *Requests for Increases in Annual Sewer & Water System Operating Revenues MO PSC Small Utility Rate Case Procedure*, filed on December 2, 2013.

<sup>2</sup> EFIS No. 2, *Notice*, filed on December 5, 2013.

<sup>3</sup> 4 CSR 240-3.050(5).

Therefore, the Commission will direct Staff to file a response to this order setting forth the date on which it can file a recommendation as to the emergency alleged in the motion, the amount of revenue needed to address that emergency, the rate increase needed to raise that revenue, and the proposed timing of a rate increase.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Commission's Staff shall file a response to this order, as set forth in the body of this order, no later than March 21, 2014.
2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in cursive script 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 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.