

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

In the Matter of the Application of The Tranquility)
Group, LLC d/b/a Branson Cedars Resort for a)
Certificate of Convenience and Necessity)
Authorizing it to Own, Operate, Maintain, Control)
and Manage Water Systems in Taney County,)
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ORDER HOLDING CASES IN ABEYANCE AND DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: August 18, 2014

Effective Date: August 18, 2014

On August 15, 2014, The Tranquility Group, LLC d/b/a Branson Cedars Resort (“Company”) filed applications with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) seeking certificates of convenience and necessity to own, operate, maintain, control and manage water and sewer systems in Taney County, Missouri. The applications were signed on behalf of the Company by Michael Hyams as “Agent/Member of The Tranquility Group, LLC”. There is no indication in the applications that Mr. Hyams is an attorney.

The rules of practice before the Commission prohibit a non-attorney from representing a company. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.040(5) states that while a natural person may represent himself or herself, “such practice is strictly limited to the appearance of a natural person on his or her own behalf and shall not be made for any other person or

entity". 4 CSR 240-2.040(3) governs the practice of attorneys before the Commission and states as follows:

Attorneys who wish to practice before the commission shall fully comply with its rules and also comply with one (1) of the following criteria:

(A) An attorney who is licensed to practice law in the state of Missouri, and in good standing, may practice before the commission;

(B) A nonresident attorney who is a member of the Missouri Bar in good standing, but who does not maintain an office for the practice of law within the state of Missouri, may appear as in the case of a resident attorney;

(C) Any attorney who is not a member of the Missouri Bar, but who is a member in good standing of the bar of any court of record, may petition the commission for leave to be permitted to appear and participate in a particular case under all of the following conditions:

1. The visiting attorney shall file in a separate pleading a statement identifying each court of which that attorney is a member and certifying that neither the visiting attorney nor any member of the attorney's firm is disqualified to appear in any of these courts;
2. The statement shall designate some member in good standing of the Missouri Bar having an office within Missouri as associate counsel;
3. The designated Missouri attorney shall simultaneously enter an appearance as an attorney of record; and
4. The visiting attorney shall provide a receipt or a statement showing that he or she has complied with the requirement of Missouri Supreme Court Rule 6.01(m).

The Company's applications are subject to rejection for failing to comply with the Commission rule described above. However, the Commission will instead require the Company to file entries of appearance by an attorney qualified to practice before the Commission and will hold the cases in abeyance until the filing of the entries of appearance.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Tranquility Group, LLC d/b/a Branson Cedars Resort shall file entries of appearance by an attorney qualified to practice before the Commission no later than September 18, 2014.

2. These cases shall be held in abeyance until The Tranquility Group, LLC d/b/a Branson Cedars Resort files the entries of appearance required in Ordered Paragraph 1.

3. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



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

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 18th day of August, 2014.