

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

In the Matter of Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Co.'s     )  
Request for a Small Company Rate Increase            )     **Case No. WR-2006-0250**

**ORDER DIRECTING THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL**  
**TO FILE A RESPONSE TO STAFF'S MOTION TO MODIFY**  
**PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Issue Date: April 6, 2006

Effective Date: April 6, 2006

On April 5, 2006, the Staff of the Commission filed a Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule claiming that the agreed-upon Proposed Procedural Schedule filed on March 28, 2006, and adopted by the Commission, was the product of Staff's misunderstanding that all of the parties to this case would be filing prepared direct testimony. The Staff suggests that since the Office of the Public Counsel has filed rebuttal testimony, instead of direct testimony, that its opportunity to rebut OPC's testimony is lost. The Staff requests that it, and Hickory Hills, be allowed to file surrebuttal to OPC's rebuttal by April 12, 2006.

The Commission notes that the Order Adopting Procedural Schedule provides only for direct and rebuttal testimony.

Since April 12 is less than one week away from the date of this order, the Commission will direct the Office of the Public Counsel to respond to Staff's Motion in an expedited manner.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Office of the Public Counsel shall file a response to the Staff's Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule by 12:00 noon on April 7, 2006.
2. This order shall become effective on April 6, 2006.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

(S E A L)

Steven C. Reed, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 6th day of April, 2006.