

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

In the Matter of Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Co.'s) **Case No. WR-2006-0250**
Request for a Small Company Rate Increase) Tariff No. YW-2006-0449

ORDER SETTING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING
AND DIRECTING THE APPLICANT TO SEND NOTICE

Issue Date: December 23, 2005

Effective Date: December 23, 2005

On December 12, 2005, Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Co., Inc., filed a proposed tariff that will increase its water service rates. The tariff carries an effective date of February 1, 2006. Along with its tariff, Hickory Hills filed a letter indicating that it has reached an agreement with the Staff of the Commission regarding disposition of its small company rate increase request. The Office of the Public Counsel is not a party to the agreement.

On December 21, 2005, the Commission conducted a prehearing conference. At that conference, the Office of the Public Counsel requested that a local public hearing be set in California, Missouri, where the customers of Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Company reside and take service.

According to 4 CSR 240-3.635(E), a party may request a local public hearing within 20 days after the tariff sheets are filed by the company. The Office of the Public Counsel has made a timely request and the Commission will set a local public hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That a local public hearing shall be held on January 19, 2006, at the California City Hall, Public Meeting Room, 500 South Oak, California, Missouri. The local

public hearing shall commence at 6:00 p.m. and shall continue until every member of the public in attendance has had an opportunity to testify, but in no case later than 8:00 p.m. The local public hearing shall be held in a facility that meets the accessibility requirements of the American with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodation to participate in the hearing should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

2. That the applicant, Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Company, shall send written notice to its customers of the proposed rates resulting from the agreement with the Staff of the Commission, as set forth in 4 CSR 240-3.635(D). A copy shall be sent to the secretary of the Commission and the Public Counsel.

3. That the applicant, Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Company, shall send written notice to its customers of the date, time and place of the local public hearing with its monthly billing statements that are sent at the end of December, 2005.

4. That the Staff of the Commission is directed to assist the company with the preparation and issuance of the notices described in this order. The notices required in this order may be combined.

5. That during the half-hour preceding the local public hearing, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall be available to answer any questions from the members of the public.

6. That the Commission's Public Information Office shall make this order or the information contained in this order available to the media and to the legislators serving the area of California, Missouri.

7. That the Commission shall make arrangements for a court reporter for the local public hearing.

8. That this order shall become effective on December 23, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION

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

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 23rd day of December, 2005.