

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri Utilities Company)
Small Company Rate Increase) **File No. WR-2009-0150**

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ORDER SETTING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

Issue Date: May 18, 2009

Effective Date: May 18, 2009

On October 23, 2008, Missouri Utilities Company ("MUC") initiated a small company revenue increase request pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050. On January 21, 2009, MUC filed a Motion for Extension of Time and Waiver of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(7) for File No. WR-2009-0150, and on January 30, 2009, MUC filed an identical request for its companion case, File No. SR-2009-0153. The extension was granted because there was an error with sending proper notice to MUC's customers. The 60-day extension re-set the clock on these proceedings. The revised timeline requires Staff to file an executed Disposition Agreement on May 21, 2009.

On March 19, 2009, the Office of Public Counsel ("Public Counsel") requested a local public hearing. Although premature from the schedule contemplated in 4 CSR 240-3.050, the Commission granted the request with the caveat that the hearing take place after MUC and the Commission's Staff file their initial disposition agreement. At that time, the parties, and the public, will be better informed as to the specifics of the rate increase request.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.110(1) requires the Commission to set the time and place for hearings and serve notice as required by law. Section 536.067(4), RSMo 2000,

and Section 386.390.5, RSMo 2000, require at least ten days notice be given prior to a hearing. In complying with its statutory mandate, and taking into consideration the expedited nature of the small water company rate increase procedure, the Commission shall set the date for the local public hearing for Monday, June 15, 2009. At the hearing, the Staff of the Commission will hold an informal question-and-answer session beginning at 5:30 p.m. The hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will conclude when every person who wishes to testify has done so.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission gives notice that it shall hold a local public hearing on Monday, June 15, 2009, beginning at 6:00 p.m. A question-and-answer session will be held before the hearing beginning at 5:30 p.m.

2. The local public hearing shall be held in the Yeater Building, Room 122 at the State Fair Community College, 3201 West 16th Street, Sedalia, Missouri 65301.

3. No later than its next billing statement, and in no event no later than June 1, 2009, Missouri Utilities Company shall mail notice of this hearing consistent with this order, such notice being approved by the Staff of the Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel before it is mailed, as required by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(18). Staff shall file a copy of the notice in these cases no later than June 2, 2009.

4. Customers wishing to make written comments or secure additional information may contact the Office of the Public Counsel, Post Office Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (573) 751-4857. Comments may also be registered in this case using the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System accessible at

<http://psc.mo.gov/case-filing-information>. Use the link to the Public Comment section and fill in all required fields on the comment page.

5. The local public hearing shall be held in a facility that meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans 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.

6. The Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall serve a copy of this order upon the County Commission of Pettis County, Missouri.

7. The Public Information Office of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall make notice of this order available to members of the General Assembly representing the residents in Missouri Utilities Company's service area.

8. No later than June 22, 2009, the Staff of the Commission shall file a pleading as required by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(19).

9. No later than June 29, 2009, the Office of the Public Counsel shall file a pleading as required by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(19).

10. This order shall become effective immediately upon issue.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Harold Stearley, 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 May, 2009.