

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Rate Increase Requests)	File No. WR-2015-0192
of the Regulated Water and Sewer Utilities)	
Owned and Operated by)	Tracking Nos. JW-2016-0082,
Ozark International, Inc.)	JW-2016-0083, JW-2016-0084,
)	JW-2016-0085, JW-2016-0086,
)	YS-2016-0088, YW-2016-0087

ORDER CANCELING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS AND DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: October 22, 2015

Effective Date: October 22, 2015

The Commission is canceling the local public hearings as set by its *Notice and Order Setting Local Public Hearings* (“Notice and Order”).¹ The Notice and Order set the local public hearings with seven days’ notice based on the following language from the Office of the Public Counsel’ (“OPC”) motion:

Public Counsel requests a Commission order requiring Ozark to provide written notice of the local public hearings to each customer. Public Counsel does not object to the Commission scheduling the local public hearings promptly, as long as customers are given at least 7 days notice. [²]

Because OPC represents the customers, the regulatory law judge assigned to this action read the second sentence as proposing an alternative to the first. That reading was incorrect, as a prompt procedural inquiry from OPC revealed. The second sentence simply modified the first.

The local public hearings as currently set do not allow time for the applicants to send notice of the local public hearings to each customer, as the first sentence asks, and the

¹ Electronic Filing and Information System (“EFIS”) No. 27 (October 21, 2015).

² EFIS No. 25 (October 14, 2015) *The Office of the Public Counsel's Request for Local Public Hearings*, page 2, paragraph 7.

Commission's regulations provide.³ Therefore, the Commission will cancel the local public hearings and re-set them by separate order.

The Commission will also direct the parties to file proposed dates for the local public hearings. The proposed dates shall, in addition to allowing time for the applicants to send notice to the customers, allow time for the Commission to review the proposed dates. After the Commission has reviewed the proposed dates, the Commission will issue its order re-setting the local public hearings.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

1. The local public hearings as set by the *Notice and Order Setting Local Public Hearings* issued on October 21, 2015, are cancelled.
2. The parties shall file proposed dates as described in the body of this order no later than November 2, 2015.
3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink 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 22nd day of October, 2015.

³ 4 CSR 240-3.050(18).