BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In The Matter of the Rate Increase Request of)	
Indian Hills Utility Operating Company, Inc.)	File No. WR-2017-0259

NOTICE OF CONTESTED CASE AND ORDER DIRECTING FILINGS

Issue Date: September 5, 2017 Effective Date: September 5, 2017

The Commission's staff ("Staff") filed a *Partial Disposition Agreement and Request* for Evidentiary Hearing.¹

That filing seeks approval of a partial disposition agreement, so the Commission will order the Office of the Public Counsel to file a response to the partial disposition agreement.

Staff's filing also seeks an evidentiary hearing to resolve the remaining issues under the following regulation:

[S]taff . . . may file a motion asking that the utility's request be resolved through contested case procedures conducted in the time remaining in the rate case process [.²]

The Commission will grant the motion for an evidentiary hearing and, accordingly, is giving notice that a contested case has begun. The Commission's provisions for discovery are at 4 CSR 240-2.090. The Commission will also direct its staff ("Staff") to co-ordinate with the other parties and file proposed dates for a pre-hearing conference. The conference's purpose will be to develop a procedural schedule. The procedural schedule shall include dates for discovery, an issues list, position statements, evidentiary hearing, and briefs.

¹ Electronic Filing Information System No. 14 (September 1, 2017).

² 4 CSR 240-3.050(21).

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Staff's request for an evidentiary hearing is granted.
- 2. The Office of the Public Counsel shall file a response to the partial disposition agreement no later than September 11, 2017.
- 3. Staff shall make the filing described in the body of this order no later than September 15, 2017.
 - 4. This order shall be effective when issued.

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BY THE COMMISSION

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Daniel Jordan, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 5th day of September, 2017.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 5th day of September 2017.

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION September 5, 2017

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

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