

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Petition for an Interim )  
Receiver and for an Order Directing the )  
General Counsel to Petition the Circuit ) **File No. WO-2024-0036**  
Court for the Appointment of a Receiver for )  
Misty Water Works )

## ORDER DIRECTING STAFF FILE A MONTHLY STATUS REPORT

Issue Date: February 13, 2024

Effective Date: February 13, 2024

On December 20, 2023, the Commission directed its Staff (Staff) to provide additional information about noncompliant well agreements that the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) drafted for Leon Travis Blevins' water systems. At the time of the evidentiary hearing on Staff's request to pursue a receivership, the noncompliant well agreements had been drafted and were under DNR internal review prior to being presented to Blevins.

On January 8, 2024, Staff filed a status report informing the Commission that on December 28, 2023, DNR issued a *Notice and Order to Abate Violations and Pay Administrative Penalties concerning the Misty Mountain Public Water System*. That administrative order requires that Blevins take corrective actions. Some of DNR's required actions could take up to 240 days for Blevins to complete.

The Commission recognizes that DNR is continuing to engage with Blevins to bring his water systems into DNR compliance. However, the Commission also has an interest in Blevins providing safe and adequate service. If the Commission pursues a receivership

it is possible that Blevins will not have time to complete DNR's corrective actions prior to a receiver taking over the water systems.

Therefore, the Commission is directing its Staff to provide monthly status reports on Blevins' progress, or lack thereof, in completing DNR's corrective actions. Staff shall also immediately inform the Commission if it becomes aware of any significant changes in Blevins' engagement with DNR or of any significant changes with his water systems.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Staff will file a monthly status report beginning March 7, 2024, concerning Blevins' engagement with DNR.
2. Staff shall immediately inform the Commission if Staff becomes aware of significant changes in Blevins' engagement with DNR or of any significant changes with his water systems.
3. This order is effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell".

Nancy Dippell  
Secretary

John T. Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

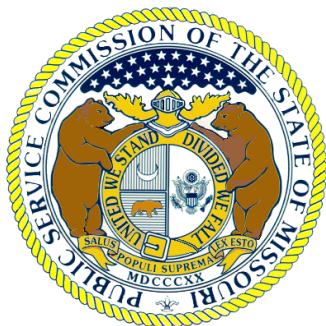
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

**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 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.**



*Nancy Dippell*  
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**Nancy Dippell**  
**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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

*Sincerely,*



**Nancy Dippell  
Secretary**

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