

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

In the Matter of the Transfer of Assets of)
Hillcrest Utilities Company from Blomeyer)
Investments, Inc. to Brandco Investments, LLC.) Case No. WM-2007-0261

In the Matter of the Transfer of Assets of)
Hillcrest Utilities Company from Blomeyer)
Investments, Inc. to Brandco Investments, LLC.) Case No. SM-2007-0262

RECOMMENDATION REGARDING TARIFF ADOPTION NOTICE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through counsel, and for its Recommendation Regarding Tariff Adoption Notice, ("Notice Recommendation") states the following to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission").

1. On June 22, 2007 (unless noted otherwise, all dates herein refer to the year 2007), the Presiding RLJ issued an order by delegation, in which he directed Brandco Investments, LLC ("Brandco") to file a notice adopting Hillcrest Utilities Company's ("Hillcrest") existing water tariff by no later than July 2. The order further stated that the adoption notice was to bear an effective date at least 30 days from the date the notice was filed.

2. The June 22 order also directed the Staff to file its recommendation regarding Brandco's tariff adoption notice within 10 days after Brandco filed the adoption notice.

3. On July 10, Brandco's Notice and Consent to Accept Current Tariff Rate for Water Service ("Notice") was entered into the case file for this case. In this Notice, Brandco stated ". . . it will be accepting the current tariff rate for water services of Hillcrest Utilities . . ." Further, the Notice stated "This document shall also serve as notice to all interested parties that this will become effective on August 15, 2007."

4. While Brandco's Notice is obviously intended to comply with the June 22 order, it does not. The tariff adoption notices that Brandco should have filed should have consisted of a new tariff sheet to be added to Hillcrest's water tariff and a new tariff sheet to be added to Hillcrest's sewer tariff. To assist Brandco with making the proper filing, example tariff adoption tariff sheets are included herewith in Appendix A.

5. Based upon the above, the Staff recommends that an order directing Brandco to file new tariff sheets for inclusion in Hillcrest's water and sewer tariffs be issued, with those tariff sheets to be identical to the example tariff sheets included in Appendix A.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully submits this Notice Recommendation for the Commission's consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ **Keith R. Krueger**

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of this Notice Recommendation has been provided, either by first-class mail, by electronic mail, by facsimile transmission or by hand-delivery, to each attorney and/or party of record for this case on this 20th day of July 2007.

/s/ Keith R. Krueger

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AFFIDAVIT OF DALE W. JOHANSEN

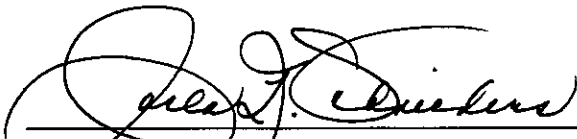
STATE OF MISSOURI)
) SS CASE NOS. WM-2007-0261 & SM-2007-0262
COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW Dale W. Johansen, being of lawful age, and on his oath states the following: (1) that he is the Manager of the Missouri Public Service Commission's Water & Sewer Department; (2) that he participated in the preparation of the foregoing Recommendation Regarding Tariff Adoption Notice, (Notice Recommendation); (3) that he prepared the example tariff adoption notices that are included in the following appendix; (4) that he has knowledge of the information presented in the foregoing Notice Recommendation; and (5) that the information presented in the foregoing Notice Recommendation is true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



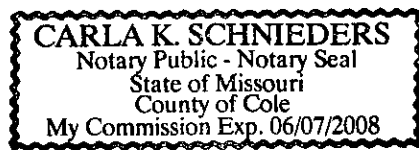
Dale W. Johansen

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of July 2007.



Notary Public

My Commission Expires: June 7, 2008



APPENDIX A

EXAMPLE TARIFF ADOPTION NOTICES

CASE NOS. WM-2007-0261 & SM-2007-0262

P.S.C. MO No. 2

Original

Adoption Notice

Brandco Investments, LLC
Name of Issuing Company

For: Certificated Service Areas Previously
Served by Hillcrest Utilities Company
Certificated Service Area

Sewer Tariff Adoption Notice *

Brandco Investments, LLC hereby adopts, ratifies, and makes its own, in every respect as if the same had been originally filed by it, the sewer service tariff currently on file with and approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission, under the name Hillcrest Utilities Company, which includes the rates, terms and conditions of the regulated sewer service previously provided by Hillcrest Utilities Company and to now be provided by Brandco Investments, LLC as of the effective date of this adoption notice. *

Example

* Indicates New Rate or Text

+ Indicates Changed Rate or Text

Issue Date: July 27, 2007
Month/Day/Year

Effective Date: August 31, 2007
Month/Day/Year

Issued By: Bobby Brandon, Manager
Name & Title of Issuing Officer

155 South Minnesota Ave, Cape Girardeau, MO 63703
Company Mailing Address

P.S.C. MO No. 2

Original

Adoption Notice

Brandco Investments, LLC
Name of Issuing Company

For: Certificated Service Areas Previously
Served by Hillcrest Utilities Company
Certificated Service Area

Water Tariff Adoption Notice *

Brandco Investments, LLC hereby adopts, ratifies, and makes its own, in every respect as if the same had been originally filed by it, the water service tariff currently on file with and approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission, under the name Hillcrest Utilities Company, which includes the rates, terms and conditions of the regulated water service previously provided by Hillcrest Utilities Company and to now be provided by Brandco Investments, LLC as of the effective date of this adoption notice. *

Example

* Indicates New Rate or Text

+ Indicates Changed Rate or Text

Issue Date: July 27, 2007
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