## OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of EMC of St. Charles County, LLC for a	)		
Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Authorizing	)		
it to Participate in the Ownership, Operation,	) <u>C</u>	ase No. S	<b>A-2007-0373</b>
Maintenance, Removal, Replacement, Control and	)		_
Management of a Sewer System in St. Charles	)		
County, Missouri	)		

## ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Effective Date: November 13, 2007

Issue Date November 13, 2007

EMC of St, Charles County, LLC filed an application as described in the above caption. On November 2, 2007, the Staff of the Commission filed a motion for a Protective Order. Staff seeks to protect the confidentiality of certain information provided to Staff by the Applicant.

Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(15) requires that responsive pleadings be filed within ten days. More than ten days have expired and no party opposes Staff's motion. Upon review of Staff's motion, the Commission finds that there is a need to protect confidential information and that requests for protective orders are reasonable. The Commission has previously recognized the need to protect confidential information and the issuance of protective orders has helped to minimize disputes in past cases. Therefore, protective orders should be established.

## IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Staff of the Commission's motion for a protective order is granted.

- 2. The information provided to the Staff of the Commission by EMC of St. Charles County, LLC and designated as Highly Confidential is protected as set forth in Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.135.
  - 3. This order shall become effective on November 13, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

Kennard L. Jones, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 13th day of November, 2007.