

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

In the Matter of WPC Sewer Company's)
Small Company Rate Increase.) **Case No. SR-2008-0388**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S REQUEST
FOR LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and for its Request for Local Public Hearing states as follows:

1. On June 9, 2008, WPC Sewer Company (WPC) initiated a small company revenue increase request for its sewer services in Pettis County, Missouri.
2. On November 6, 2008, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a Notice of Company/Staff Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Sewer Company Rate Increase Request indicating an agreement between Staff and WPC for a sewer rate increase of \$5,357 annually (approximately 27.9%). Public Counsel did not join in the agreement.
3. A significant number of customer comments were received citing concerns regarding system management, quality of service and the reasonableness of the proposed increase. Affording customers the opportunity to speak to the Commission at a hearing is a critical part of the ratemaking process. Therefore, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.050(15), Public Counsel requests a local public hearing.
4. Public Counsel does not object to the Commission scheduling the hearing promptly, as long as customers are given sufficient notice.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully requests that the Commission schedule a local public hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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