

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

In the Matter of M.P.B., Inc.'s Request)
for Increase in Annual Sewer System)
Operating Revenues)
File No. SR-2014-0067

In the Matter of P.C.B., Inc.'s Request)
for Increase in Annual Sewer System)
Operating Revenues)
File No. SR-2014-0068

ORDER SETTING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

Issue Date: April 30, 2014

Effective Date: April 30, 2014

On September 9, 2013, M.P.B., Inc., and P.C.B., Inc. (“the companies”) initiated small sewer company rate increase actions pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050. On April 8, 2014, the Staff of the Commission (hereafter “Staff”) and the companies filed Disposition Agreements that included comprehensive accounting schedules, a review of customer service and business operation and example tariffs designed to implement the agreed-upon revenue requirements.

On April 15, 2014, the companies filed revised tariff sheets reflecting certain rate and language changes to bring the tariffs into full conformity with the Agreements. The tariff sheets bear an effective date of June 1, 2014.¹

The Office of the Public Counsel (hereafter “OPC”) did not join in the Agreements. Instead, on April 16, 2014, OPC filed motions requesting the Commission to suspend the tariff and schedule local public hearings. OPC claims that the Disposition Agreements

¹ In a separate order, the Commission suspended the tariffs until August 10, 2014.

would grant the companies excessive revenue, and that the companies' customers should be given an opportunity to comment. This is sufficient for the grant of a public hearing.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.110(1) requires the Commission to set the time and place for hearings and serve notice as required by law. Section 536.067(4), RSMo 2000, and Section 386.390.5, RSMo 2000, require at least ten days' notice be given prior to a hearing.

In complying with its statutory mandate, and taking into consideration the expedited nature of the small company rate increase procedure, the Commission shall set the date for a local public hearing to be held on June 12, 2014. The hearing will be convened jointly, meaning any customer of either of the companies may attend and testify.

At the hearing, the Staff of the Commission will hold an informal question-and-answer session before the Commission receives testimony. The hearing will begin after the question-and-answer session, and will conclude when every person who wishes to testify has done so.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission gives notice that it shall hold a local public hearing on June 12, 2014, beginning at 6:00 p.m. A question-and-answer session will be held before the Commission receives testimony.

2. The local public hearing ordered in paragraph 1 shall be held at: Jefferson College – Hillsboro Campus, Arts & Sciences I Building, Room 117, 1000 Viking Drive, Hillsboro, Missouri.

3. No later than May 10, 2014, the companies shall mail notice of the hearing consistent with this order, said notice being approved by the Staff of the Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel before it is mailed, as required by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(18). Staff shall file a copy of the notice in these cases no later than May 17, 2014.

4. Customers wishing to make written comments or secure additional information may contact the Office of the Public Counsel, Post Office Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (573) 751-4857. Comments may also be registered in this case using the Internet Electronic Filing System at <http://psces/mpsc/>. Use the link to the Public Comment section and fill in all required fields on the comment page.

5. The local public hearing shall be held in a facility that meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodation to participate in the hearing should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

6. The Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commissions of Jefferson and Franklin Counties, Missouri.

7. The Public Information Office of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall make notice of this order available to members of the General Assembly representing the residents in the service area of the companies, and to the news media serving the residents of that service area.

8. No later than June 19, 2014, the Staff of the Commission shall file a pleading as required by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(19).

9. No later than June 26, 2014, the Office of the Public Counsel shall file a pleading as required by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(19).

10. This order shall become effective immediately on issuance.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "M" and "W".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Ronald D. Pridgin, Deputy Chief
Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of
authority pursuant to Section 386.240,
RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 30th day of April, 2014.