

**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)	<u>File No. SR-2014-0067</u>
Operating Revenues.)	

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

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

1. On September 9, 2013, M.P.B., Inc. (MPB), through its interim receiver Johansen Consulting Services, LLC (JCS), initiated the above stated small company rate increase proceeding with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) requesting an increase of 100% in its regular monthly customer rates. MPB is certificated to provide sewer service to the Lake Virginia service area near Hematite, MO in Jefferson County and the Villa Ridge service area near Gray Summit, MO in Franklin County.
2. On the same date, P.C.B., Inc. (PCB), also through its interim receiver JCS, initiated a similar rate case proceeding which was issued Commission File No. SR-2014-0068. PCB is certificated to provide sewer service in Jefferson County, MO.
2. On April 8, 2014, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a *Notice of Company/Staff Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Company Rate Increase Request* (Company/Staff Agreement) indicating agreement between Staff and MPB for an increase in annual operating revenues of \$9,770 (269.81%) for the Lake Virginia service area

and an increase of \$40,024 (146.21%) for the Villa Ridge service area. Public Counsel did not join in the agreement.

3. On April 16, 2014, in compliance with 4 CSR 240.3-050(15), Public Counsel requested that the Commission schedule a local public hearing in this matter. Public Counsel also requested that the Commission suspend the proposed revised tariff sheets for a sufficient period to allow adequate time for a local public hearing and subsequent case disposition as appropriate. Public Counsel filed similar requests in the PCB rate case proceeding.

4. On April 23, 2014, the Commission issued an *Order Granting Request for Local Public Hearing and Suspending Tariff* in each of the MPB and the PCB rate case proceedings granting Public Counsel's requests.

5. On April 30, 2014, the Commission issued a combined *Order Setting Local Public Hearing* for both the MPB and the PCB rate case proceedings scheduling a local public hearing on June 12, 2014, in Hillsboro, MO in Jefferson County. In its Order, the Commission determined that one local public hearing would be convened jointly for both the MPB and the PCB rate case proceedings, allowing any customer of either of the companies to attend and testify.

6. On May 21, 2014, Public Counsel received the attached Petition (Attachment A) requesting that a separate local public hearing for the MPB rate case be held in Franklin County. The Petition consists of 6 pages of signatures of residents in Bridgewater Estates which is located in the Villa Ridge service area of MPB. The Petition stated that the currently scheduled meeting in Jefferson County "is very inconvenient in distance and time that would be required to drive to and from that location." The Petition also states that the signatories "feel it is not practical to have to drive that far on a week night when many of us are working adults" and that

as customers of MPB they “believe we should be afforded the right to be heard and not have to travel outside of the county to do so.”

7. The Petition indicates to Public Counsel that a local public hearing in Jefferson County may be appropriate for the customers of PCB and the customers in MPB’s Lake Virginia service area but may not be appropriate for the customers in MPB’s Villa Ridge service area. The Petition certainly reflects the desire of the customers in Bridgewater Estates to participate in order to voice their concerns regarding the proposed increase to the Commission at a local public hearing. However, the travel time between the Villa Ridge service area and Hillsboro, MO is approximately 45 minutes. As a result, the request that a local public hearing be held in a location that is near their service area is quite reasonable.

8. Therefore, Public Counsel requests that the Commission schedule an additional local public hearing in this matter at a suitable location in Franklin County near MPB’s Villa Ridge service area.

9. Public Counsel does not wish to unduly delay the rate case proceeding for MPB. Therefore, Public Counsel is making its request for an additional local public hearing promptly and without delay. Public Counsel suggests holding the local public hearing on a date as close as possible to the currently scheduled June 12, 2014, local public hearing in order to allow subsequent case disposition as appropriate and without delay.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully submits its request.

Respectfully submitted,

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL

/s/ Christina L. Baker

By: _____

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, emailed or hand-delivered to the following this 22nd day of May 2014:

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May 19, 2014

**Re: Petition requesting PSC Hearing on MPB, Inc. rate increase to be held in Franklin
County.**

Attn: Christina Baker

Enclosed please find this 6 page petition signed residents of Bridgewater Estates of subdivision
served MPB, Inc. comprising 75% of its customer base.

We would appreciate the opportunity to meet and discuss this matter and look forward in hearing
from you concerning this petition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kay Wade". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kay" and last name "Wade" clearly distinguishable.

Kay Wade

MAY 21 2014

We, the residents of Bridgewater Estates subdivision in Villa Ridge, MO, respectfully request that a hearing be held in Franklin County regarding the proposed rate increase for M.P.B., Inc. customers.

The currently scheduled meeting, for June 12, 2014 in High Ridge, MO, is very inconvenient in distance and time that would be required to drive to and from that location. We would appreciate the opportunity to express our concerns and have our questions answered pertaining to the proposed rate increase, but feel that it is not practical to have to drive that far on a week night when many of us are working adults. As customers of M.P.B., Inc. we believe that we should be afforded the right to be heard and not have to travel outside of the county to do so.

Name	Address	Phone #	Signature
Mark Wilson	383 BRIDGEWATER HEIGHTS Villa Ridge, MO 63089	314-488-6325	Mark Wilson
KAY WADE	171 BRIDGEWATER CHASE VILLA RIDGE, MO 63089	636-451-3385	Kay Wade
Allison Ironing	371 Villa Ridge mo Bridge water Heights Dr	636-584-9934	Allison Ironing
GERALD JOHNS	370 BRIDGE R HEIGHTS DR	314 856 3493	Gerald Johns
Barbara McMullen	365 Bridge water Heights Dr.	636-402-8008	Barbara ^{bars} McMullen
Ken & Julie Baker	352 BRIDGE WATER	636 457 90	Kenneth L Baker
Dana & Sharon Jasper	353 Bridgewater Hts Dr	314-550-8099	Sharon Jasper
Rick Wood Stephanie Wood	346 Bridgewater Heights	314-308-4106	Rick Wood Stephanie Wood
LOV Calzada	335 Bridgewater Heights Dr. 63089	314-517-0888	LOV Calzada
Melba Cunningham Lyall Cunningham	329 Bridgewater Hts Dr	636 451-5550	Melba Cunningham Lyall Cunningham

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Name	Address	Phone #	Signature
Ruth Ederer	323 Bridgewater Heights Dr. Villa Ridge	636 209 0104	Ruth Ederer
John Schmal	293 Bridgewater Heights	63089	John Schmal
Ivan Cook	294 Bridgewater Heights Dr. 63089	636-451-6262	Ivan Cook
Matilda Adams	754 Bridgewater Xing Villa Ridge MO 63089	636-388-1508	Matilda Adams
Wm A Brown	769 Bridgewater	636 577 2943	Wm A Brown
Scott Haeckel	423 Bridgeview Cr	314 705 2269	Scott Haeckel
Tammy Duepmann	779 Bridgewater Xing Villa Ridge, MO 63089	636-451-4220	Tammy Duepmann
Doug Agee	782 Bridgewater Xing Villa Ridge MO	636 541-3377	Doug Agee
Heather Mueller	795 Bridgewater Crossing Villa Ridge, MO 63089	636-462-8890	Heather Mueller
Matt Mueller	795 Bridgewater Crossing Villa Ridge, MO.	636-692-5891	Matt Mueller

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KINBY CABRERA	395 BRIDGEWATER HTS. DR VILLA RIDGE MO	314-651-8130	Kinby Cabrera
Michelle Baugh	155 Bridgewater Chase Villa Ridge, MO 63089	636-742-5431	Michelle Baugh
Rick Navez	166 Bridgewater Chase Ln Villa Ridge, MO	636 451 5945	Rick Navez
CHRIS GIST	178 BRIDGEWATER CHASE VILLA RIDGE, MO	633-346-1336	Chris Gist
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Connie Bruce	170 Bridgewater Chase Ln. Villa Ridge MO 63088	314-620-1627	Connie Bruce
Chris Paxton	154 Bridgewater Chase Ln Villa Ridge, MO 63089	636-222-0182	Chris Paxton
ROBERT BUSBY	147 BRIDGEWATER CHASE LN. VILLA RIDGE	636-451-5220	Robert Busby
Rick KILDAK	168 BRIDGE WATER CHASE LANE	314-605-0952	Rick Kildak
Rebecca Joe Wunderlich	389 Bridgewater Hights Villa Ridge 63089	314-496-6774 314-401-7428	Rebecca Wunderlich

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Vickie & Del Whittaker 121 Bridgewater Chase Lane (636) 451-2847 Vickie Whittaker

Name	Address	Phone #	Signature
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LIZABETH WERNER	138 BRIDGEWATER CHASE VR 63089	636-742-3444	<i>Lizbeth Werner</i>
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Bob Borror	126 Bridgewater Chase		<i>Bob Borror</i>
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<i>Lloyd Stahlman</i>	114 Bridgewater chase	742-9982	<i>Lloyd Stahlman</i>
<i>Jeff Goodwin</i>	109 Bridgewater Chase	314 223-7069	<i>Jeff Goodwin</i>
Palmer Wade	113 Bridgewater chase Ln	314-691-1611	<i>Palmer Wade</i>
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