

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

In the matter of Aqua Missouri, Inc.'s)	
Request for an Increase in Rates for)	
Water Service Pursuant to the)	Case No. WR-2008-0266
Commission's Small Company Rate)	
Increase Procedure.)	

In the matter of Aqua Missouri, Inc.'s)	
Request for an Increase in Rates for)	
Water Service Pursuant to the)	Case No. SR-2008-0267
Commission's Small Company Rate)	
Increase Procedure.)	

In the matter of Aqua Missouri, Inc.'s)	
Request for an Increase in Rates for)	
Water Service Pursuant to the)	Case No. SR-2008-0268
Commission's Small Company Rate)	
Increase Procedure.)	

In the matter of Aqua Missouri, Inc.'s)	
Request for an Increase in Rates for)	
Water Service Pursuant to the)	Case No. WR-2008-0269
Commission's Small Company Rate)	
Increase Procedure.)	

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S REQUEST FOR
LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING IN THE WARSAW, MO AREA**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and for its Request for Local Public Hearing in the Warsaw, Missouri Area states as follows:

1. On March 26, 2008, the Commission issued its Order Setting Public Comment Hearings in these cases. The order stated that although proposed tariffs have not yet been filed, the Commission has determined that public hearings would be scheduled to give the public opportunity to comment on Aqua Missouri's proposed rate increases. Local public hearings

were scheduled in Reeds Spring, Shell Knob and Republic during the week of May 12, 2008 and Sedalia and Jefferson City during the week of May 26, 2008.

2. On April 28, 2008, Public Counsel received a request for a local public hearing on behalf of the Aqua Missouri customers located in the Warsaw, Missouri area. It was requested that the Commission hold a local public hearing in the Warsaw area due to the large distance these customers would have to travel to the closest scheduled location in Sedalia.

3. Due to the fact that rate increases of such large magnitudes are under consideration, affording customers the opportunity to speak to the Commission at a hearing is a critical part of the process. Public Counsel agrees with the requestor that it is preferable to schedule local public hearings so that no customer must travel more than 30 miles each way. Therefore, pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.330 and 3.635, Public Counsel requests a local public hearing be held at a location in the Warsaw area.

4. Public Counsel understands that the Commission may have difficulty scheduling and providing customer notice of a local public hearing in the Warsaw area in the same timeframe as the other local public hearings. Public Counsel does not object to the Commission scheduling the hearing as promptly as possible, as long as customers are given sufficient notice.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully requests that the Commission schedule a local public hearing in the Warsaw, Missouri area.

Respectfully submitted,

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