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STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 18th
day of April, 1995.

In the matter of Davis Water Company's)
tariff revision designed to increase)
rates for water service at Lakeland)
Estates pursuant to the Commission's)
informal rate procedure.)

CASE NO. WR-95-294

ORDER SCHEDULING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

On December 6, 1994, Davis Water Company (Company) filed a letter with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) requesting an increase in water rates pursuant to the Commission's small company rate procedure, 4 CSR 240-2.060(8). On April 7, 1995, the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed a Request for Local Public Hearing. In support of its motion, Public Counsel states that the Company is currently operated by a court-appointed receiver; that the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a revised accounting and rate design recommendation, recommending an approximate 72.6 percent rate increase for full-time customers, and an 84.1 percent rate increase for part-time customers; and that it has received 15 letters and a petition with approximately 75 signatures from the Company's ratepayers, protesting the proposal for a rate increase. Public Counsel proposes that a local public hearing be held to receive comments regarding the proposed rate increase and the quality of service presently received. In addition, Public Counsel indicates that Staff has agreed, based on customer response, that a hearing would be in the public interest.

Given the size of the proposed rate increases, and the customer response received to date, the Commission is of the opinion that it is both reasonable and appropriate to schedule a local public hearing to obtain

public input with respect to the proposed rate increases, and thus will schedule a local public hearing in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. The Commission is of the opinion that the Company should give specific notice of the date and time of the local public hearing to its customers. The Commission is also of the opinion that the Commission's Information Officer should send notice of the hearing to the publisher of each newspaper located in the Company's service area as listed in the newspaper directory of the current *Official Manual of the State of Missouri*, and to members of the Missouri General Assembly representing customers in the Company's service area; and that the Records Department of the Commission shall serve a copy of this order upon the County Commission of each county and the mayor of each municipality within the Company's service area. In addition, the Information Officer should provide similar notice to any radio and television stations located within the Company's service area.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That a local public hearing be and is hereby scheduled to be held in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, on April 28, 1995 in the Poplar Bluff Chamber of Commerce Community Room, 1111 West Pine, Poplar Bluff, Missouri, commencing at 7:00 p.m. and continuing until the matter is concluded, but in no event later than 9:00 p.m.

2. That Davis Water Company be and is hereby ordered to give specific notice of the date and time of the local public hearing to its customers.

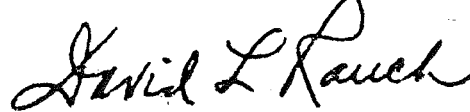
3. That the Records Department and the Information Officer of the Commission shall serve a copy of this order and provide notice as described in this order.

4. That any person wishing to attend the local public hearing who has special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact the Missouri Public Service Commission as soon as possible

at one of the following numbers: CONSUMER SERVICES HOTLINE -- 1-800-392-4211, or TDD HOTLINE -- 1-800-829-7541.

5. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David L. Rauch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "D".

David L. Rauch
Executive Secretary

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Mueller, Chm., McClure, Perkins,
Kincheloe and Crumpton, CC., Concur.