

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of the Application of Ozark Shores Water)
Company, North Suburban Public Utility Company and)
Camden County Public Water Supply District Number Four)
for an order authorizing the Sale, Transfer and Assignment) File No. WM-2015-0231
Water Assets to Camden County Public Water Supply)
District Number Four and in connection therewith certain)
other related transactions.)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: May 5, 2015

Effective Date: May 5, 2015

The applicants filed a motion to reconsider¹ the order² that extended the time for filing Staff's recommendation. In support, the applicants alleged that Staff asked for that extension to gather information that is irrelevant.³ Applicants' motion to reconsider also alleged that the extension risks the applicants' financing,⁴ so the Commission directed Staff to file its response in an expedited fashion.

Staff complied with that directive.⁵ Further, Staff included a motion for local public hearing and Staff's recommendation to deny the application. In support, the recommendation alleges an inter-relation of buyers' and sellers' personnel, an inflated purchase price, and a public detriment in the form of higher rates for the buyer's customers.

¹ Electronic Filing and Information System ("EFIS") No. 7 (April 30) *Motion for Reconsideration of Order Approving Extension of Time*. All dates are in 2015.

² EFIS No. 6 (April 29) *Order Extending Time for Recommendation*.

³ Electronic Filing and Information System ("EFIS") No. 7 (April 30) *Motion for Reconsideration of Order Approving Extension of Time*, page 2, paragraph 3.

⁴ Electronic Filing and Information System ("EFIS") No. 7 (April 30) *Motion for Reconsideration of Order Approving Extension of Time*, page 2, paragraph 4.

⁵ Electronic Filing and Information System ("EFIS") No. 9 (May 5) *Staff Recommendation to Deny Transfer of Assets and Request for Local Public Hearing*. All dates are in 2015.

Staff filed its response in an expedited fashion, as directed by the Commission, based on applicants' allegation that the extension risks the applicants' financing.⁶ The same allegation supports an expedited response to Staff's recommendation and motion for local public hearing. Therefore, the Commission will direct that applicants respond in an expedited fashion to Staff's recommendation and motion for local public hearing.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The response described in the body of this order is due on May 7, 2015.
2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Daniel Jordan, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 5st day of May, 2015.

⁶ Electronic Filing and Information System ("EFIS") No. 7 (April 30) *Motion for Reconsideration of Order Approving Extension of Time*, page 2, paragraph 4.