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# OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Folsom Ridge,	)
LLC, and Big Island Homeowners Water and Sewer	)
Association, Inc., for an Order Authorizing the	)
Transfer and Assignment of Certain Water and	) Case No. WO-2007-0277
Sewer Assets to Big Island Water Company and	)
Big Island Sewer Company, and in Connection	)
Therewith Certain Other Related Transactions	)

# ORDER REJECTING MOTION TO STRIKE TESTIMONY FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH COMMISSION REGULATIONS, AND GRANTING LEAVE TO CATHY J. ORLER TO AMEND HER TESTIMONY

Issue Date: February 14, 2007 Effective Date: February 14, 2007

On February 13, 2007, Big Island Water Company and Big Island Sewer Company (collectively "Movants") filed a motion to strike the pre-filed direct testimony of Cathy J. Orler, Cindy Fortney, and Benjamin D. Pugh in this matter. Movants assert that these parties have failed to comply with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.130 in that the testimony was not filed on numbered pages with numbered lines.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240.2.010(13) defines a pleading as including "any motion ..., which is not a tariff or correspondence, and which is filed in a case." Movants' motion to strike testimony is clearly a pleading pursuant to this rule, and all pleadings are governed by 4 CSR 240-2.080. All pleadings require the signature of an attorney authorized to practice in Missouri, or if a natural person is representing him or her self, then a signature from that natural person. (4 CSR 240-2.080(1) and (6)). Because Movants are corporations, they must be represented by an attorney. (4 CSR 240-2.040).

Consequently, the motion must be signed by an attorney authorized to practice law in Missouri.

Movants' pleading bears no signature, and unsigned pleadings shall be rejected. (4 CSR 240-2.080(5) and (14)). Moreover, it would appear that, with the exception of Ms. Orler not having page numbers on her testimony, the remainder of the testimony in question was submitted on numbered pages with numbered lines. Ms. Orler shall be allowed to amend her filing by February 26, 2007.

Additionally, Movants filed their motion in .jpg format. Movants are instructed that all future filings in this case shall be filed in Adobe or Microsoft Word format, preferably Adobe.

#### IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- Big Island Water Company's and Big Island Sewer Company's Motion to Strike
   Testimony is rejected for failure to comply with applicable filing requirements.
- 2. Big Island Water Company and Big Island Sewer Company shall submit all future filings in this matter in either Adobe or Microsoft Word format, preferably Adobe.
- 3. No later than February 26, 2007, Cathy J. Orler shall amend her pre-filed testimony, filed on February 13, 2007, by adding page numbers to her testimony.

4. This order shall become effective on February 14, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

Harold Stearley, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 14th day of February, 2007.

#### STATE OF MISSOURI

### OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and

I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2007.

Colleen M. Dale

Secretary

## MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION February 14, 2007

#### Case No. WO-2007-0277

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

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