## OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Office of the Public Counsel,	)
Complainant,	)
v.	) <u>Case No. WC-2007-0038</u>
Central Jefferson County Utilities, Inc.,	)
Respondent.	)

## ORDER SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND CONTINUING HEARING

Issue Date: June 14, 2007 Effective Date: June 14, 2007

On July 26, 2006, the Office of the Public Counsel filed an "overearnings" complaint against Central Jefferson County Utilities, Inc.<sup>1</sup> Central Jefferson answered on August 30, denying OPC's allegations.

On February 8, 2007, in Case No. SO-2007-0071, the Commission approved Central Jefferson's request to sell certain water and sewer assets to Jefferson County Public Sewer District. Central Jefferson now claims that the transaction is complete, and that the Commission should dismiss the complaint because Central Jefferson no longer owns water or sewer assets. The Office of the Public Counsel stated that it is unwilling to dismiss the complaint because the Staff of the Commission has yet to file its

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> By separate order, the Commission consolidated a similar complaint that OPC had against Central Jefferson's sewer operations into this case.

recommendation in the sale case.<sup>2</sup> OPC suggests that the Commission should delay its decision on Central Jefferson's motion to dismiss until after Staff files its recommendation in the sale case.

Because Staff's recommendation in the sale case is due after the currently scheduled hearing, the Commission will suspend the remainder of the procedural schedule in this case, and will cancel the hearing. Upon resolution of the sale case, the Commission will expect the parties to file pleadings in this case informing the Commission of whether they believe the complaint can be dismissed, or whether the Commission needs to continue with the remainder of the procedural schedule and set the case for hearing.

## IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The procedural schedule ordered by the Commission is suspended until further notice, and the hearing scheduled for June 25-26, 2007 is canceled.
  - 2. This order shall become effective on June 14, 2007.

(SEAL)

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

BY THE COMMISSION

Ronald D. Pridgin, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Commission Case No. SO-2007-0071.