

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

In the Matter of the Application of Highway H)
Utilities, Inc. for a Certificate of Convenience and)
Necessity Authorizing It to Construct, Install, Own,)
Operate, Control, Manage, and Maintain a Water) **File No. WA-2009-0316, et al**
System for the Public in an Unincorporated Area of)
Pulaski County, Missouri.)

ORDER SCHEDULING A PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Issue Date: June 2, 2009

Effective Date: June 2, 2009

Highway H Utilities, Inc. has applied to the Commission for authority to construct and operate water and sewer systems in an expanded service area in Pulaski County. The Commission's Staff filed a recommendation advising the Commission to grant the requested service authority and to establish the initial rates the company may charge to customers in the new service area. The Office of the Public Counsel agrees with Staff that the Commission should grant Highway H Utilities the service authority it requests. However, Public Counsel contends the initial service rates for the new service area should be interim, subject to customer refund or credit based on the rates established in Highway H Utilities' pending small company rate increase case. Staff and Highway H Utilities disagree with Public Counsel's position on interim rates.

Unless the parties can agree upon an appropriate resolution to their disagreement, the Commission will need to proceed toward a hearing to take evidence to support a ruling on Highway H Utilities' application. To that end, the Commission will schedule a prehearing conference to facilitate discussion among the parties leading to either an agreed upon resolution, or the establishment of a procedural schedule.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. A prehearing conference is scheduled for June 16, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, Room 305. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this conference, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the conference.
2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 2nd day of June, 2009.