

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Carl Richard Mills' Request )  
to Maintain Water System Rate ) File No. WR-2021-0177

## ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSES REGARDING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

Issue Date: December 31, 2020

Effective Date: December 31, 2020

On December 21, 2020, Carl Richard Mills filed a letter initiating a staff assisted rate case. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-10.075(6) requires a local public hearing to be scheduled in this case no later than February 19, 2021, unless the requirement is extended or waived.

The Staff of the Public Service Commission filed a rate case timeline for this case, as required by 20 CSR 4240-10.075(5). The timeline anticipates providing notice of a local public hearing to customers by mail on or about January 11, 2021. Written notice of a local public hearing must be mailed to customers at least 10 days prior to hearing.<sup>1</sup>

To enable the Commission to schedule a local public hearing in this matter, the Commission will direct the parties to file a response recommending dates and times for a local public hearing. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, a local public hearing will be conducted by telephone and/or video conference. The parties may consult the Commission's hearings calendar, published at the Commission's website at <https://psc.mo.gov>, to identify conflicts.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-10.075(7).

<sup>2</sup> The National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Winter Policy Summit is scheduled for February 4-5 and 8-11, 2021. In addition, February 12 and 15 are holidays.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. No later than January 11, 2021, the parties in this case shall file a response recommending the time and date of a local public hearing. The parties shall identify at least two acceptable dates and times occurring before February 19, 2021, to enable the Commission to schedule a local public hearing.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

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

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Jana C. Jacobs, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo (2016).

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 31st day of December, 2020.