

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of a Working Case to Investigate )  
Solutions to Problems Facing Small Water and )  
Sewer Public Utilities )

**File No. WW-2009-0386**

## **NOTICE CREATING WORKING CASE**

Issue Date: May 1, 2009

The Office of the Public Counsel filed petitions on April 8, 2009, asking the Commission to open a working case to investigate solutions to the problems facing Missouri's small water and sewer public utilities.<sup>1</sup> On April 13, the Commission's Staff filed a response to Public Counsel's petitions. Staff agrees a working case would be helpful, but indicates, because of the press of other business, it would not be able to facilitate and host a workshop until after August 20. Public Counsel replied to Staff on April 20, urging the Commission to open the working case soon to quickly address the problems facing the small water and sewer utilities.

The Commission agrees the problems of the small water and sewer utilities should be examined promptly. To that end, the Commission is opening this working case to address those problems. Initially, the Commission will invite the public and interested utilities to submit written comments describing the problems facing small water and sewer utilities, and offering possible solutions to those problems. After those comments are collected, the Commission may schedule a workshop at which interested persons can gather to discuss the identified problems and solutions.

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<sup>1</sup> Public Counsel filed its petitions in Case Nos. WO-2009-0362 (water) and SO-2009-0363 (sewer).

This file will serve as a repository for documents and comments regarding the problems facing small water and sewer public utilities. Using this file, any person with an interest in this workshop may view documents pertaining to the project and may submit any pertinent responsive comments or documents. As this is not a contested case, any person may make a filing without counsel and without *ex parte* constraints (arising from this matter). Intervention requests are not necessary to participate.

The public is welcome to file comments by forwarding electronic communications through the electronic filing and information system (EFIS) or by mailing written comments. You may submit electronic comments by visiting the Commission's website at <http://www.psc.mo.gov>. (Click on the EFIS/Case filings link on the left side of the page. Scroll down and click on the public comment link. Please reference case number WW-2009-0386.) Written comments in hard copy should be addressed to the Commission at P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 and should reference File No. WW-2009-0386. You can view the contents of the file by following the link at <http://www.psc.mo.gov>.

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**BY THE COMMISSION**

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Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2009.

Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge