

# **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**

## **ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO RESCIND PROCEDURAL ORDER**

Issue Date: July 7, 2011

Effective Date: July 7, 2011

On May 1, 2009, the Commission opened File Number WW-2009-0386 to investigate solutions to problems facing Missouri's small water and sewer public utilities. On August 19, 2010, the Commission opened files numbers SW-2011-0042 and WW-2011-0043 to investigate appropriate methods for ratemaking treatment of fees and other mechanisms used for capital recovery of sewer and water infrastructure investment. On June 16, 2011, the Commission consolidated these investigatory files.

When the Commission consolidated the files, it closed File Numbers SW-2011-0042 and WW-2011-0043 and designated File Number WW-2009-0386 as the lead case. However, the Commission had issued a procedural order in File Numbers SW-2011-0042 and WW-2011-0043 requiring Staff to file a schedule for holding workshops. Staff now requests that this procedural order be rescinded. The request states that:

Staff continues to guide communication, plan meetings, and create a platform for interested participants to provide input on several different issues that small water and sewer public utilities are facing. Most of these issues are complex and require multiple discussions to determine if an amicable resolution exists. Therefore, Staff does not believe a traditional procedural schedule is needed at this time. However, if the Commission desires an established procedural schedule, Staff suggests a yearly update of activity in this workshop.

The Commission finds Staff's request reasonable and will dispense with the requirement that a schedule for workshops be filed.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Ordered paragraph number 1 of the Commission's August 23, 2010 "Order Directing Notice of Working Case and Directing Filing," issued in Files Numbers SW-2011-0042 and WW-2011-0043, which required the Commission's Staff to file a proposed schedule for workshops, is rescinded.<sup>1</sup>

2. The Commission's Staff shall file an annual update of all activity in this file on the first business day of each year.

3. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Steven C. Reed  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Harold Stearley, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority under  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.

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<sup>1</sup> The order directed Staff to file the schedule no later than September 24, 2010. However, after granting Staff two extensions of time, the due date for the schedule had been extended to July 11, 2011.