## OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of Aqua Missouri, Inc.'s Request for an Increase in Rates for Water Service Pursuant to the Commission's Small Company Rate Increase Procedure.	) ) )	Case No. WR-2008-0266
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## **ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

Issue Date: February 20, 2008 Effective Date: February 20, 2008

At its January 31, 2008 regularly scheduled agenda, the Commission discussed scheduling local public hearings in these cases. The Commission determined that the local public hearings should be scheduled after an audit by the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission had been completed. Staff informed the Commission that the audit was expected to be completed by the March 6, 2008. During subsequent electronic mail

conversations with Staff's counsel, the Regulatory Law Judge was informed<sup>1</sup> that the audit is not expected to be completed until May 5, 2008.

The Commission is aware that this company's last rate cases were concluded in November of 2006 and that Staff monitoring of the company was to continue after the conclusion of those cases. In addition, the Commission is in the progress of revising its small company rate case rule so that small companies are afforded rate relief within the same timeframe as a large company. Thus, the Commission shall direct Staff to file a report stating why it believes it will be unable to complete its audit in the originally expected timeframe.

## IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. No later than February 22, 2008, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a report as set out above.
  - 2. This order shall become effective on February 20, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 20th day of February, 2008.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See attached e-mail.