

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission,	)	
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Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	<b><u>File No. WC-2017-0095, et al.</u></b>
	)	
Missouri Utilities Company and Gary Cover,	)	
	)	
Respondents.	)	

## ORDER STAYING PROCEEDINGS

Issue Date: December 1, 2016

Effective Date: December 1, 2016

The Commission's Staff has filed complaints against Missouri Utilities Company and its court appointed receiver, Gary Cover, alleging that the company has failed to pay its 2014 water and sewer assessments to the Commission.<sup>1</sup> At a prehearing conference held on November 21, 2016, the Commission directed the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule by December 1.

On December 1, Staff filed a motion asking the Commission to stay this complaint proceeding, as well as other Staff complaints pending against Missouri Utilities Company. Staff explains that Missouri Utilities Company has filed a motion in two related complaints - File Numbers WC-2017-0007 and SC-2017-0008<sup>2</sup> – asking that all Commission proceedings involving Missouri Utilities Company be stayed until the Commission rules upon the company's application to sell its water and sewer assets to Elm Hills Utility

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<sup>1</sup> The water and sewer complaints have been consolidated in this file.

Operating Company, Inc. That application is currently pending before the Commission in File Numbers SM-2017-0150 and WM-2017-0151. Missouri Utilities Company did not file its motion for stay in this file, but Staff indicates its willingness to have proceedings in this complaint stayed as well.

The Commission finds that it is appropriate to stay further proceedings regarding these complaints until the application for approval of the sale of Missouri Utilities Company's water and sewer assets is resolved.<sup>3</sup>

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. All proceedings regarding the complaints pending in this file are stayed until further order of the Commission.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2016.

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<sup>2</sup> Those complaints allege that Missouri Utilities Company has failed to file its required annual reports for 2013, 2014, and 2015.

<sup>3</sup> This order applies only to these complaints. The Commission will issue separate orders in the other complaint files regarding the motions to stay proceedings regarding those complaints.

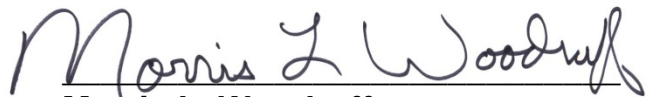
**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.**

**WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 2016.**



  
**Morris L. Woodruff**  
**Secretary**

**MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**December 1, 2016**

**File/Case No. WC-2017-0095**

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**Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).**

**Sincerely,**



**Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary**

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