BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Joint Application of Valley Woods Water Company, Inc. and Valley Woods Utility, LLC for Authority of Valley Woods Water Company, Inc. to Sell Certain Assets to Valley Woods Utility, LLC

File No. WM-2012-0288

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, ADDING PARTY, SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE AND DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: March 7, 2012 Effective Date: March 7, 2012 On March 7, 2012, Valley Woods Water Company, Inc. ("VWWC") and Valley Woods Utility, L.L.C. ("VWU"), filed a Joint application seeking authority for VWWC to sell certain assets to VWU. VWWC is a regulated water and sewer company providing water and sewer service to the public in and around the City of Highlandville, in Christian County, Missouri. VWU is not subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. Because VWU will be acquiring assets that will be subject to the Commission's jurisdiction, the Commission will

add it as a party to this matter. The Commission will also direct notice, set a deadline, and direct its Staff to investigate.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Valley Woods Utility, L.L.C. is added as a party to this matter.

2. The Commission's Data Center shall mail a copy of this notice and order to the City Council (or the equivalent governmental body) of Highlandville, Missouri. The Data Center shall also mail a copy of this notice and order to the County Commission of Christian County, and to the Department of Natural Resources of the State of Missouri. 3. The Commission's Public Information Officer shall provide notice of this order to the media serving Valley Woods Water Company, Inc.'s service area and to the members of the General Assembly representing Valley Woods Water Company, Inc.'s service area

4. Any person or entity wishing to intervene in this matter shall file an application no later than March 21, 2012 with:

Steven C. Reed, Secretary Missouri Public Service Commission Post Office Box 360 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

or by using the Commission's electronic filing and information service.

5. If no other person or entity requests intervention, the Staff of the Missouri

Public Service Commission shall investigate and file a recommendation on this application

no later than April 11, 2012.

6. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

Steven C. Reed Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 7th day of March, 2012.