

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Application of Highway H)
Utilities, Inc. for a Certificate of Convenience and)
Necessity Authorizing It to Construct, Install, Own,)
Operate, Control, Manage, and Maintain a Water) **File No. WA-2009-0316, et al**
System for the Public in an Unincorporated Area of)
Pulaski County, Missouri.)

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF AND COMPANY TO REPLY TO PUBLIC COUNSEL'S RESPONSE

Issue Date: May 21, 2009

Effective Date: May 21, 2009


On March 5, 2009, Highway H Utilities, Inc. filed an application for authority to construct and operate a water system in an expanded service area in Pulaski County, Missouri. Staff filed a recommendation on May 15 advising the Commission to approve Highway H's application. On May 21, Public Counsel filed a response to Staff's recommendation in which it accepted most of Staff's recommendations. However, Public Counsel differs from Staff in that it advises the Commission to approve the rates Highway H will be allowed to charge in the expanded service area as interim rates, subject to customer refund or credit, pending the establishment of permanent rates in Highway H's ongoing small company rate increase proceeding.

Before acting on Staff's recommendation or Public Counsel's response, the Commission will direct Staff and Highway H to reply to Public Counsel's response.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Staff and Highway H Utilities, Inc. shall file a reply to Public Counsel's Response to Staff's Recommendation no later than June 1, 2009.
2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 21st day of May, 2009.