

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Rate Increase Request of)
Indian Hills Utility Operating Company, Inc.)

File No. WR-2017-0259

ORDER GOVERNING DISCOVERY

Issue Date: September 21, 2017

Effective Date: September 21, 2017

The Missouri Public Service Commission is setting forth provisions governing discovery. The Office of the Public Counsel filed a proposed order on behalf of all parties ("motion").¹ The Commission will incorporate by reference the language that the parties used in the motion.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Any data request, request for admissions, request for interrogatories, or request for production of documents and things shall be subject to the provisions set forth in the appendix to this order.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Daniel Jordan, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 21st day of September, 2017.

¹ Electronic Filing Information System No. 20 (September 20, 2017) *Motion for Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule.*

Appendix

(A) Consistent with 4 CSR 240-2.090(G), the Parties agree that, starting September 20th, 2017, the response time for all data requests shall be seven (7) calendar days with four (4) calendar days to object or to notify the requesting party that more than seven (7) calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information.

(B) The Parties shall make an effort to resolve all discovery disputes well before the hearing; however, the Parties shall present any outstanding motions to compel to the regulatory law judge at the beginning of the evidentiary hearing.

(C) The Parties shall make an effort not to over-designate information as confidential. If confidential information must be included in data request questions, the confidential information should be appropriately designated as such pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.135. Responsibility to make this designation is upon the Party claiming such. Other Parties are entitled to rely on the presence or absence of such designation.

(D) When serving a data request, the party serving the request will send to counsel for each party an electronic copy of the text of the "description" of that data request contemporaneously with service of the data request. Regarding Staff-issued data requests, if the description contains confidential information or is voluminous, a hyperlink to the EFIS record of that data request is a sufficient copy. If a party desires the response to a data request that has been served on another party, the party desiring a copy of the response shall request a copy of the response from the party answering the data request. Data requests, objections to data requests, and notifications respecting the need for additional time to respond to data requests will be sent by e-mail to counsel for the other parties. Counsel may designate other personnel to be added to the service list for data requests, but assumes responsibility for compliance with any restrictions on confidentiality. Data request responses shall be served electronically, if feasible and not voluminous as defined by Commission rule, on counsel for the requesting party, unless counsel for the requesting party requests otherwise in writing. Responses to Staff data requests must be submitted in EFIS, if feasible, or in electronic format on compact disc or by other means agreed to by Staff counsel, if infeasible. All data requests to Staff must be submitted in EFIS.