

**THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

Before Commissioners: Mark Sievers, Chairman
 Thomas E. Wright
 Shari Feist Albrecht

In the Matter of the Investigation of Howison)
Heights Inc.'s Ability to Provide Sufficient and) Docket No. 13-HHIW-460-GIV
Efficient Service.)

ORDER DESIGNATING ADDITIONAL PREHEARING OFFICER

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration. Having examined the files, the Commission concludes as follows:

1. On February 8, 2013, the Commission designated Andrew French to serve as Prehearing Officer in this docket.¹ The Commission further stated in its Order that the Commission, as it deems necessary, may designate other staff members to serve in this capacity.²

2. The Commission concludes that an additional Prehearing Officer should be designated for this proceeding to conduct or aid in any prehearing conferences that might be needed and to address any matters that are appropriately considered in a prehearing conference, including all items listed in the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act (KAPA) at K.S.A. 77-517(b). The Commission designates Jay Van Blaricum, Advisory Counsel, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, KS 66604-4027, telephone number 785-271-3186, email address j.vanblaricum@kcc.ks.gov, to act as an additional Prehearing Officer in this proceeding. The Commission, as it deems necessary, may designate other staff members to serve in this capacity.

¹ Order Opening Investigation of Howison Heights, Inc.'s, Ability to Provide Sufficient and Efficient Service, February 8, 2013 (Order Opening Investigation).

² Order Opening Investigation, ¶ 11.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. The Commission designates Jay Van Blaricum to act as an additional Prehearing Officer in this proceeding.

B. Parties have 15 days from the date of electronic service of this Order in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration.³

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further orders as it may deem necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Sievers, Chairman; Wright, Commissioner; Albrecht, Commissioner.

Dated: APR 03 2013

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Patrice Petersen-Klein
Executive Director

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³ K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Order Designating Additional Prehearing Officer was served by electronic mail this 3rd day of April, 2013, to the following parties who have waived receipt of follow-up hard copies:

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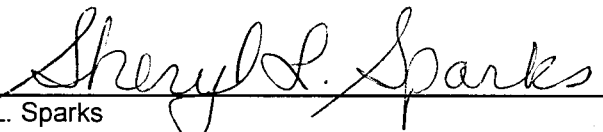
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