

**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 Application of)
Howison Heights, Inc. for Approval of) Docket No. 13-HHIW-570-RTS
the Commission to Make Certain)
Changes in its Rates for Water Service.)

ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and determination. Having examined its files and records and being fully advised in the premises, the Commission finds and concludes as follows:

1. Howison Heights, Inc. (Howison) is an investor-owned public utility authorized to transact business in the State of Kansas. Howison holds appropriate certificates from the Commission to engage in the water utility business in Saline County, Kansas.

2. On March 18, 2013, Howison filed the Application of Howison Heights, Inc. for Approval of the Commission to Make Certain Changes in its Rates for Water Service (Application) in this Docket, requesting a permanent rate increase in the amount of \$48,702. Howison bases its request upon Staff's schedules from Docket No. 12-HHIW-382-RTS, with the test year ending December 31, 2010. Howison's test year revenue requirement includes certain pro-forma adjustments for salary and rate case expenses.

3. **Schedule.** Commission Staff and Howison have collaborated and jointly submitted a procedural schedule to the Prehearing Officers. The Citizens' Utility Ratepayers

Board (CURB) does not object to the proposed schedule. After review and consideration of the parties' recommended schedule, the Commission adopts the following procedural schedule:

Howison's Application Filed	March 18, 2013
Howison Public Meeting	April 5, 2013
30-day Public Comment Period Begins	April 6, 2013
Staff Report and Recommendation Due	May 2, 2013
30-day Public Comment Period Ends	May 6, 2013
Company/CURB Comments Due	May 13, 2013
Commission Initial Order Due	June 3, 2013
Company Notice of 90-Day Public Comment Period Due	June 24, 2013
90-Day Public Comment Period Ends	September 22, 2013, 5:00 p.m.
**At this point, the Commission must determine whether additional investigation is required or another "final" order is needed.	
240-day Suspension period ends	November 13, 2013

4. **Settlement.** If a settlement is reached, the parties shall file testimony in support of the Stipulation and Agreement. When filing a motion seeking approval of a unanimous Stipulation and Agreement, the parties shall provide a proposed order approving the Stipulation

and Agreement to the Prehearing Officers. The proposed order should include the relevant procedural history, the terms of the Stipulation and Agreement, and analysis under the five factor test for approval of settlement agreements set out in Docket No. 08-ATMG-280-RTS (280 Docket).¹

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

- A. The Commission adopts the procedural schedule set forth above at paragraph 3.
- B. In the event of a unanimous settlement agreement, the parties shall prepare a proposed order approving the agreement, as set forth in paragraph 4.
- C. Parties have fifteen days from the date of electronic service of this Order in which to petition the Commission for reconsideration.²
- D. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further order, or orders, as it may deem necessary and proper.

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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¹ 280 Docket, Order Approving Contested Settlement Agreement, ¶ 11, (May 12, 2008).

² K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Order Setting Procedural Schedule 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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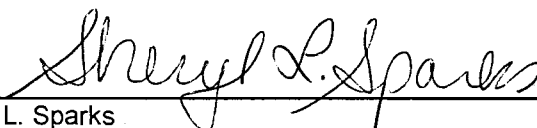
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