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PSC Opens Formal Proceeding on Dispute between St. Joseph's Hospital and Village of Jackson

MADISON – Today, the Public Service Commission (PSC) opened a formal proceeding on complaints filed by St. Joseph's Community Hospital against the village of Jackson Water and Sewer Utilities.

The dispute between the hospital and village revolve around rates or fees the village has charged the hospital and whether a separate water lateral needs to be built for a connected medical office building. The PSC conducted an initial review of the complaint and reminded the village of Jackson Water Utility that it may not disconnect services for failure to pay a fee in dispute.

“This formal investigation will allow the Commission an opportunity to fully address and resolve all the issues between the hospital and village,” said David Gilles, PSC General Counsel. “The Commission will then be able to make a ruling on its finding, and if necessary, establish rates, practices and other solutions.”

In today's decision, the Commission asked PSC staff to gather more facts on the complaints and to obtain a complete record of evidence from both parties. The Commission will hold a prehearing conference on November 18, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the Public Service Commission Building in Madison. The prehearing conference is intended to identify persons who will actively participate as full parties in the case, issues that need to be addressed, a timeline for the case and to address any other matters that will help facilitate the case.

Documents associated with this case can be viewed on the PSC's Electronic Repository System at <http://psc.wi.gov/>. Click on ERF System, select Search Electronic Repository System and enter docket 05-UI-109.

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