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Secretary of the Commission
Missouri Public Service Commission
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Jefferson City, MO 65102

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**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

Re: Meramec Sewer Company rate increase request

Dear Secretary:

Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.050, the Commission's rule pertaining to rate increase requests made by qualifying small utilities, Meramec Sewer Company requests an increase of \$140,000 in its annual sewer operating revenues. Based upon current customer rates and customer numbers, this increase represents a change of approximately 74% in the Company's annual sewer system operating revenues. The proposed rates for each customer classification are shown below.

	Current	Proposed
Single Family Residential	\$16.76	\$29.79
Mobile Home Service	\$15.08	\$26.81
Apartment Units	\$13.41	\$23.84
Multi-Family Residential	\$13.41	\$23.84

Meramec requests this increase due to the substantial increase in utility plant investment; increases in operation and maintenance expense; increases in the Commission's annual Utility assessments; and increases in the Department of Natural Resources requirements since Meramec's last rate increase in 1984.

Meramec requests a waiver of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.020(2), requiring notice to be filed with the secretary of the Commission a minimum of 60 days prior to filing a small company rate case because the Company needs to have new rates take effect as soon as possible and the Company cannot wait an additional sixty days to file.

Meramec wishes to advise the Commission that the Company is not current on the payment of its Commission annual assessments. The Company wishes to discuss a payment arrangement with the Commission as part of this filing.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,


Fred Reinhold