

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of an Investigation into City Utilities of)
Springfield Plastic Pipe Failures and the Adequacy) **Case No. GS-2004-0257**
of Its Leak Survey Procedures, Installation)
Procedures and Replacement Criteria.)

ORDER DIRECTING RESPONSE

Issue Date: June 29, 2007

Effective Date: June 29, 2007

On June 18, 2007, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed its further response to the City Utilities of Springfield's reply to the Staff's recommendations in this case. City Utilities has agreed with all of Staff's recommendations as amended in Staff's May 17, 2007 filing, with one exception (the issue of reporting requirements has been resolved). Staff's latest pleading appears to indicate that the parties are very close to being in agreement on all of the issues.

It is the Commission's interpretation that Staff agrees that City Utilities may not achieve the historical 50% rate of replacing nearby or adjacent piping beyond the associated piping in the same work order number, but that a reduction in the replacement rate below 40% would not be acceptable. Staff also recommends a waiver from a previous Commission order to replace 4.2 miles of piping by August 16, 2007, if City Utilities agrees to follow Staff's May 10, 2007 recommendations as modified by the June 18, 2007 filing.

The Commission would be aided by a further filing from City Utilities in response to Staff's June 18, 2007 proposal. In addition, if the Commission has misstated the Staff's position, Staff should make an additional filing to clarify its position.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. No later than July 6, 2007, the Staff of the Commission shall file a response, if needed, to clarify its position.
2. No later than July 13, 2007, the City Utilities of Springfield shall file a response to the June 18, 2007 filing by the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission.
3. This order shall become effective on June 29, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Nancy Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 29th day of June, 2007.