

STATE OF MISSOURI

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the matter of St. Louis County)
Sewer Company for authority to file)
tariffs increasing rates for sewer) Case No. SR-84-221
service provided to customers in the)
Missouri service area of the Company.)

In the matter of an investigation into)
the reasonableness of sewer rates charged) Case No. SC-84-257
by the Martigney Creek Sewer Company.)

In the matter of Martigney Creek Sewer)
Company for authority to file tariffs)
increasing rates for sewer service) Case No. SR-85-34
provided to customers in the Missouri)
service area of the Company.)

In the matter of St. Louis County Sewer)
Company for authority to file tariffs)
increasing rates for sewer service) Case No. SR-85-50
provided to customers in the Missouri)
service area of the Company.)

OPINION OF COMMISSIONER CONNIE B. HENDREN
CONCURRING IN PART AND DISSENTING IN PART

With reference to the Report And Order in these cases, I concur fully with the majority in regard to the rates set for Martigney Creek Sewer Company, and dissent on the surcharge portion of St. Louis County Sewer Company for the following reason.

It appears more reasonable to me to have the customers pay the \$16.38 surcharge over two quarterly billing periods than to force the company to borrow the funds and then require each residential customer to pay the company the original \$16.38 plus an additional \$3.96 in interest over a three-year period. The borrowed

funds will be paid in full at the end of a three-year period; however, there is no requirement for the company to reduce its rates once those funds have been repaid.

In view of the dollars involved for the surcharge, \$2.73 per month for six months, I feel it is not in the public interest to force the company to borrow at approximately 14 percent and the customer to have to pay these carrying costs.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie B. Hendren

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Commissioner

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
this 30th day of October, 1984.