# STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JEFFERSON CITY March 5, 2001

CASE NO: WR-2001-457

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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

HAK HARD Roberts

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Request of RDE Water	)	
Company for a General Rate Increase Pursuant	)	Case No. WR-2001-457
to the Small Company Rate Increase Procedure,	)	Tariff No. 200100050
4 CSR 240-2.200.	)	

### **ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

On February 21, 2001, Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc., doing business as RDE Water Company (RDE), filed its cover letter, Agreement and Tariff seeking a general rate increase pursuant to the Commission's Small Company Rate Increase Procedure at Rule 4 CSR 240-2.200. RDE seeks approximately \$36,582 in increased annual water service revenues, an increase of approximately 21.2 percent. In its cover letter, RDE stated its consent to an extension of the 150-day time limit imposed by the cited regulation. The filed Agreement was signed by RDE and by the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff). The proposed tariff sheets bore an effective date of April 7, 2001, 45-days after the date of issue.

Pursuant to the Commission's Small Company Rate Case procedure, there is a period of 20 days from the filing of the agreement, where the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) did not join in the agreement, during which a request may be filed to convene a local public hearing. The Commission will establish the date by which such a request must be filed. Likewise, if no such request is filed, Public Counsel must file a pleading stating its agreement or disagreement with the rate increase no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> day after the filing of the agreement. The Commission will establish that date, as well.

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#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That any request for a local public hearing on this matter must be filed on or before March 13, 2001, with a copy to all parties herein.
- 2. That, in the event that a request for a local public hearing is not filed on or before March 13, 2001, the Office of the Public Counsel shall file a pleading stating its agreement or disagreement with the proposed rate increase on or before March 19, 2001.
  - 3. That this Order shall become effective on March 13, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION

Dale Hardy Roberts Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 5th day of March, 2001.

#### **STATE OF MISSOURI**

#### OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,

Missouri, this 5th day of March 2001.

Dale Hardy Roberts

HAK HARD Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge