

RATE INCREASE REQUEST LETTER-WATER SERVICE

November 24, 2008

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Secretary of the Commission
Missouri Public Service Commission
Attn: Data Center
P O Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Missouri Public
Service Commission

RE Request for Increase in Annual Sewer System Operating Revenues
MO PSC Small Utility Rate Case Procedure

Dear Secretary

Oakbrier Estates (Company) holds a Certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission), under which the Company provides water supply and distribution services in Butler County, Missouri. The Commission first authorized the Company to provide regulated water utility service in July 1989. The Company currently provides service to approximately 57 water customers within its certificated service area under the provisions of its Commission-approved tariffs. The Company's customer rates for water service are currently the same as those established when the Commission first authorized the Company to provide its regulated utility service.

Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.050, the Commission's rule pertaining to rate increase requests made by qualifying small utilities, the Company is hereby requesting an increase of \$5,472 in its annual water system operating revenues. Based upon current customer numbers, this increase represents a change of approximately 64% in the Company's annual water system operating revenues. The Company understands that the design of its customer rates, its service charges, its customer service practices, its general business practices and its general tariff provisions will also be reviewed during the Commission Staff's review of the rate increase request, and may thus be the subject of Staff recommendations at the conclusion of the rate increase process.

The specific reasons for the requested increase in the Company's annual operating revenues include increases in utility plant investment due to the addition of a new and larger pump and motor, new wiring and breaker box in the last two years, an addition of approximately 1500 feet of additional water line and replacement of new sections of water main. The increased utility rates for pumping expenses have also increased substantially and increased cost of material for repairs and in the upkeep of the plant itself not including repairs and upkeep. Further there have also been increases in other areas including: billing expense, meter reading costs, PSC assessments, DNR laboratory fee accounting and attorney fees and of course fuel expenses.

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Lastly I wish to advise you that the Company is current on the payment of its Commission annual assessment (all past and current assessments have been paid in full) and the filing of its Commissions annual reports. Additionally the company will remain current on these items during this small company rate increase procedure.

Thank you for your attention on this important matter. Please contact me at your convenience if you need any additional information regarding this request.

Sincerely,

/s/ Rodger Owens

Rodger Owens
President

Copies Jim Russo – Commission Staff
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