

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
September 21, 1999**

CASE NO: SR-2000-69

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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**

Uncertified Copy:

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 21st day of September, 1999.

In the Matter of Terre Du Lac Utilities) Case No. SR-2000-69
Corporation Sewer Rate Increase Request.) Tariff File 9900334

On July 26, 1999, Terre Du Lac Utilities Corporation (Company) filed revised tariff sheets pursuant to an agreement between the Company and the Commission's Staff for both water and sewer rate increases pursuant to the Commission's Small Company Rate Increase Procedure under 4 CSR 240-2.200. The Company initiated the small company rate increase procedures for its water and sewer rates on October 26, 1998. On August 10, 1999, the Commission issued its *Notice to Supplement File* and the Company complied with that notice by filing the requested information on August 14, 1999.

The revised tariff sheets, Tariff File Nos. 9900333 and 9900334, filed pursuant to the agreement between the Company and Staff have an issue date of August 25, 1999, and an effective date of October 10, 1999.

On August 13, 1999, the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) filed a *Request for Local Public Hearing* in these cases. The OPC stated that "Public Counsel believes that it would serve the public interest for a

local public hearing to be held in or near the Company's service territory (near Bonne Terre, Missouri) in order to allow public input into the record." Under 4 CSR 240-2.200, the Commission has discretion to hold a local public hearing. If a local public hearing is conducted, the OPC has 10 days following the hearing to advise the Commission whether it agrees or disagrees with the tariff sheets filed by the Company.

Neither the Staff nor the Company has filed a response to this request. Thus, the Commission may assume that the Staff and the Company do not oppose a public hearing in this proceeding.

In its request for a local public hearing, the OPC stated that the "Public Counsel received a significant number of letters and phone calls expressing concern about the proposed increases." Under a cover memo dated September 9, 1999, the Staff filed duplicate sets of customer contacts (generally letters) related to the Company's initial requests for water and sewer rate increases. The letters do indicate a significant community interest and concern with the proposed increases. In addition, the Staff has indicated orally that the OPC has received additional comments and that later comments have been received concerning the rate increases presented in the agreement between the Staff and the Company.

Having considered the OPC's motion, the Commission will schedule a local public hearing in this matter. The tariff sheets filed by the Company will be suspended for a period of not longer than 120 days from the stated effective date of October 10, 1999, to February 7, 2000, to

allow time to arrange a local public hearing and to provide appropriate notice of the hearing. If this matter cannot be concluded within the period of suspension, the suspension may be extended for a period not exceeding six additional months.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the revised tariff sheets, Tariff File Nos. 9900333 and 9900334, filed pursuant to the agreement between Terre Du Lac Utilities Corporation and Staff with issue dates of August 25, 1999, and effective dates of October 10, 1999, are suspended for a period of not to exceed 120 days as set forth above.

2. That this order shall become effective on October 1, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Crumpton, Drainer, Murray, and
Schemenauer, CC., concur.
Lumpe, Ch., absent.

Thornburg, Regulatory Law Judge

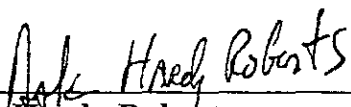
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OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**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 21ST day of SEPTEMBER, 1999.





Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge