

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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CASE NO: WR-2000-68, 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:

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Terre Du Lac Utilities	)	<u>Case No. WR-2000-68</u>
Corporation Water Rate Increase Request.	)	<u>Tariff File 9900333</u>
 In the Matter of Terre Du Lac Utilities	)	 <u>Case No. SR-2000-69</u>
Corporation Sewer Rate Increase Request.	)	<u>Tariff File 9900334</u>

ORDER SCHEDULING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

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. 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 ten days following the hearing to advise the Commission

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whether it agrees or disagrees with the tariff sheets filed by the Company.

Having considered the OPC's motion, the Commission determined that a local public hearing should be held and suspended the tariffs filed by the company in an order issued on September 21, 1999. The tariff sheets filed by the Company were 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.

Notice of the time, date and location of the local public hearing, along with information regarding the amount of the proposed rate increases and the approximate percentage of the proposed increases, should be provided by the Company to each affected customer, either by an imprint on the customer's monthly billing or a bill insert, or a separate mailing not more than 45 days or less than ten days prior to the date of the public hearing. The form of notice shall be mutually agreeable to the Staff and the Company and the Company shall provide the proposed form of notice to the Staff for its timely consideration.

The information Office of the Commission shall send notice to the members of the General Assembly who represent the counties where the Company has service territory, and to the newspapers that serve the aforesaid counties, as listed in the newspaper directory of the current *Official Manual of the State of Missouri*. Similar notice should be provided to any radio or television stations in each area.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That a local public hearing shall be held on November 16, 1999, at 6:00 p.m. at the auditorium of the North County High School, 7151 VoTech Road, Bonne Terre, Missouri 63628.

2. That Terre Du Lac Utilities Corporation shall notify its customers, by letter or billing insert, of the time and place of the local public hearing at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled local hearing date and in all respects as set forth above.

3. That the Information Officer of the Public Service Commission shall provide notice to public officials and to the media as set forth above.

4. That anyone with special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days before the local hearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Service Hotline - 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.

5. That this order shall become effective on October 5, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

(S E A L)



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Keith Thornburg, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1) (November 30,
1995) and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 24th day of September, 1999.

**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 24TH day of SEPTEMBER, 1999.



Dale Hardy Roberts

**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**