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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Warren County Water and)	
Sewer Company's Tariff Designed to Increase)	Case No. ST-2000-694
Connection Fees for Sewer Service.)	Tariff No. 200000892
In the Matter of Warren County Water and)	
Sewer Company's Tariff Designed to Increase)	Case No. WT-2000-695
Connection Fees for Water Service.)	Tariff No. 200000891

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

On April 28, 2000, in case number ST-2000-694, the Commission issued an order suspending a proposed sewer tariff filed by Warren County Water and Sewer Company (WCWS). The suspended sewer tariff would increase connection fees for sewer service. Also on April 28, in case number WT-2000-695, the Commission issued an order suspending a proposed water tariff filed by WCWS. The proposed water tariff would increase connection fees for water service.

On June 16, 2000, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a Motion to Consolidate in both cases. Staff's motion indicates that the two cases share common issues and the procedural cases proposed for the two cases are the same. Staff suggests that the Commission will conserve its resources and avoid of duplication of its efforts by consolidating these cases. Staff further indicates that no party will be harmed by such consolidation. On June 19, the Office of the Public Counsel filed a response to Staff's motion to consolidate in which it states that it does

not oppose the consolidation of the two cases. WCWS did not respond to the motion to consolidate.

Upon review of these matters, the Commission concludes that common questions of law and fact will likely be presented in these cases. The Commission further concludes that consolidation of these cases will result in the most efficient use of the Commission's resources and that no party will be prejudiced by consolidation of these cases.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That Case Number WT-2000-695 is consolidated with and into Case Number ST-2000-694.
- 2. That Case Number ST-2000-694 is designated as the lead case and that hereafter all pleadings, briefs and correspondence regarding the consolidated cases shall be filed in the lead case.
 - 3. That this order shall become effective on July 10, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Morris L. Woodruff, 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 30th day of June, 2000.