

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Spokane Highlands Water)	
Company's Motion to Accept Late-filed)	<u>Case No. WO-2000-382</u>
Annual Reports)	

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO ACCEPT LATE-FILED ANNUAL REPORT

Pursuant to Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) Rule 4 CSR 240-10.080, "[a]ll public utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file an annual report with the commission on or before April 15 of each year." On December 23, 1999, Spokane Highlands Water Company (Spokane) filed a motion to accept its late-filed annual report. Attached to the motion was its annual report for the year 1998.

Spokane stated in its motion that the "...reports (*sic*) were prepared and inadvertently not filed." The verification attached to the annual report shows that the verification was prepared on December 20, 1999. The annual report itself, from the certification at page 1, appears to have been prepared on April 30, 1999.

On January 6, 2000, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its recommendation. Staff stated that it recommends that the Commission approve the request of Spokane to file its 1998 Annual Report late and that Spokane be advised to meet known deadlines in the future.

Spokane's motion does not contain a particularly good explanation of what Spokane believes excuses the late filing of its annual report. However, the Commission will in this instance accept the report and allow it to be late filed. Spokane is admonished that, in the future, it should strive to meet known and required deadlines.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Spokane Highlands Water Company is granted a waiver of the annual report deadline requirement of Commission Rule 4 CSR 40-10.080.
2. That the late filing of Spokane Highlands Water Company's 1998 annual report with the Commission is accepted.
3. That this order shall become effective on January 13, 2000.
4. That this case may be closed on January 24, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Bill Hopkins, Senior 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 13th day of January, 2000.