

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
July 11, 2000**

CASE NO: ST-2000-694; WT-2000-695

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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

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 11th
day of July, 2000.

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

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

**ORDER FURTHER SUSPENDING TARIFF AND
ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

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). Also on April 28, in case number WT-2000-695, the Commission issued an order suspending a proposed water tariff filed by WCWS. The Commission issued an order on June 30 that consolidated the two cases. Both of the proposed tariffs carried an effective date of April 30, 2000 and were suspended by the Commission for a period of 120 days beyond April 30, to August 28, 2000.

A prehearing conference was held on June 7. WCWS did not appear. The Commission ordered that the parties submit a proposed procedural schedule no later than June 14. On June 14, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a Motion for Establishment of a Procedural Schedule. No party has filed a response to that motion.

Staff's motion requests an evidentiary hearing on October 2, 2000. As no party has opposed Staff's request, it will be granted and a procedural schedule generally consistent with Staff's proposed procedural schedule will be established. The Commission will apply the conditions set out below to the procedural schedule in this case.

(A) The Commission will require the prefiling of testimony as defined in 4 CSR 240-2.130. All parties shall comply with this rule, including the requirement that testimony be filed on line-numbered pages. The practice of prefiling testimony is designed to give parties notice of the claims, contentions and evidence in issue and to avoid unnecessary objections and delays caused by allegations of unfair surprise at the hearing.

(B) Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.130(15), testimony and schedules shall not be filed under seal and treated as proprietary or highly confidential unless the Commission has first established a protective order. Any testimony or schedule filed without a protective order first being established shall be considered public information.

(C) The parties shall agree upon and the Staff shall file a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing and the order in which they shall be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness. The Commission will view any issue not contained in this list of issues as uncontested and not requiring resolution.

(D) Each party shall file a statement of its position on each disputed issue. Such statement shall be simple and concise, and shall

not contain argument about why the party believes its position to be the correct one.

(E) The Commission's general policy provides for the filing of the transcript within two weeks after the hearing. If any party seeks to expedite the filing of the transcript, such request shall be tendered in writing to the regulatory law judge at least five days prior to the date of the hearing.

(F) All pleadings, briefs and amendments shall be filed in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.080. Briefs shall follow the same list of issues as filed in the case and shall set forth and cite the proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission.

(G) All parties are required to bring an adequate number of copies of exhibits that they intend to offer into evidence at the hearing. If an exhibit has been prefiled, only three copies of the exhibit are necessary for the court reporter. If an exhibit has not been prefiled, the party offering it should bring, in addition to the three copies for the court reporter, copies for the five Commissioners, the regulatory law judge, and all counsel.

The procedural schedule will not permit the Commission to complete its consideration of the tariffs within the period of their suspension. For that reason, WCWS's tariffs will be suspended for an additional 120 days.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the tariffs issued by Warren County Water and Sewer Company on March 31, 2000 (tariff file numbers 200000891 and 200000892) and initially suspended for a period of 120 days beyond April 30, 2000 to August 28, 2000, are suspended for an additional 120 days beyond August 28, 2000 to December 26, 2000.

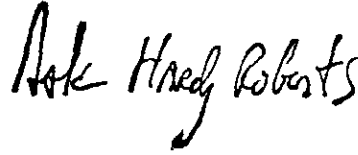
2. That the following procedural schedule is adopted for this case, subject to the conditions discussed above:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
July 20, 2000, 3:00 p.m.	Direct Testimony to be filed by Warren County Water & Sewer Company
August 15, 2000, 3:00 p.m.	Rebuttal Testimony to be filed by all other parties
September 5, 2000, 3:00 p.m.	Surrebuttal Testimony to be filed by Warren County Water & Sewer Company
September 12, 2000	Witness List and List of Issues to be filed by Staff on behalf of all parties
September 19, 2000, 3:00 p.m.	Statements of Positions to be filed by all parties
October 2, 2000, 8:30 a.m.	Hearing

3. That the evidentiary hearing will be held in the Commission's office at Jefferson City, Missouri. The hearing will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or 1-800-829-7541 (TDD) prior to the hearing.

4. That this order shall become effective on July 21, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Lumpe, Ch., Drainer, Murray, Schemenauer,
and Simmons, CC., concur

Woodruff, Regulatory Law Judge

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Agenda Date

Action taken: 5-OAS
Must Vote Not Later Than _____

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 11th day of July 2000.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

