

STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office  
in Jefferson City on the 27th  
day of December, 1991.

In the matter of the Application of James Russell )  
Jones and Erlene Jones, statutory trustees for ) Case No. SM-92-79  
W. C. Sewer Systems, Inc., Application to sell, )  
convey and transfer all of owned sewer systems. )

ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION TO SELL SEWER SYSTEM

On October 21, 1991, James and Erlene Jones, the statutory trustees of the W. C. Sewer System, Inc. applied for authorization to sell the W. C. Sewer System to the Northeast Public Sewer District (District).

On November 1, 1991, the Commission caused direct notice by mail of this application to be issued to all customers of the W. C. Sewer System and also gave notice of said application to the County Clerk of Jefferson County, Missouri, to newspapers published in Jefferson County, and to members of the Missouri General Assembly with constituencies in Jefferson County. By the same notice, the Commission established a thirty (30) day period for any interested parties to intervene. Said intervention period ended on December 3, 1991; none sought to intervene or requested a hearing.

The Commission Staff filed its recommendation on December 23, 1991. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the application, stating that the trustee owners of the W. C. Sewer System no longer desire to be in the sewer business, that said system is subject to a bankruptcy proceeding, and that said owners have failed to maintain or upgrade said system. Staff states that the Northeast Public Sewer District is professionally operated and managed, and is capable of upgrading the W. C. Sewer System, particularly as regards

the system's present difficulty regarding disinfection of treatment plant effluents.

Having considered Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds that the application to sell said sewer system to the Northeast Public Sewer District should be approved. By so doing, the Commission has not neglected the rate impact of said transfer. The District's monthly rates for single family sewer service are nearly double the rates presently charged by Applicant, rates which have been unchanged since 1974. Although the Commission has no jurisdiction over the district's sewer service or its charges for service, the Commission is of the opinion that W. C. Sewer's present customers, as well as the Missouri streams receiving its partially treated effluent, are best served by approving this application. The Commission finds, therefore, that this transfer and sale is in the public interest and herein approves same.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Application to Sell, Convey, and Transfer the W. C. Sewer Systems, Inc. to the Northeast Public Sewer District, as stated in the terms and conditions contained in the Application filed October 21, 1991, to transfer said system, is hereby approved.

2. That statutory trustees James Russell Jones and Erlene Jones shall, within ten (10) days of said transfer, notify the Commission Staff of said transfer and provide any and all final documents of transfer.

3. That the certificate of convenience and necessity and all applicable tariffs for W. C. Sewer Systems, Inc. shall be cancelled on or immediately after the closing of the sale herein approved.

4. That this Order shall be effective January 6, 1991.

BY THE COMMISSION

*Brent Stewart*

Brent Stewart  
Executive Secretary

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Steinmeier, Chm., Rauch,  
McClure and Perkins, CC.,  
Concur.  
Mueller, C.,  
Absent.