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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Small Company Rate)	
Increase Request of Eastern Missouri)	Case No. SR-99-421
Utilities Company, Inc., for a Sewer Rate)	Tariff No. 9900219
Increase.)	

**ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF AND
SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

On March 31, 1999, Eastern Missouri Utilities Company, Inc. (EMU), filed a proposed tariff and agreement pursuant to this Commission's small company rate increase procedure, Regulation 4 CSR 240-2.200(1)(D) (the Procedure), seeking a sewer rate increase. On April 29, 1999, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed its Motion to Suspend Tariffs Pending Submission of Complete Tariff Agreement or in the Alternative, Motion to Cancel the Tariff filed by Eastern Missouri Utilities Company, Inc.

Staff's Motion states that EMU has failed to file all thirty-one revisions to its proposed tariff sheets actually agreed upon by EMU, the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) and Staff. In the absence of these tariff revisions, Staff maintains that no agreement concerning the requested rate increase exists as required by the procedure. Staff has requested that the Commission suspend EMU's tariff.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheets and Staff's motion to suspend and finds that significant questions have been raised regarding that tariff such that the tariff should be suspended for

further consideration. Therefore, the tariff will be suspended for a period of 120 days.

In order to expedite the consideration of these issues, a prehearing conference will be held on May 21, 1999 at the office of the Public Service Commission.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Staff's Motion to Suspend Tariff is granted.

2. That the tariff filed by Eastern Missouri Utility Company, Inc., on March 31, 1999, Tariff File number 9900219, is suspended for a period of 120 days beyond May 15, 1999, to September 12, 1999. The sheets suspended are:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 2

Original Sheet A

Original Sheet 5a

1st Revised Sheets 5-29 Canceling Original Sheets 5-29

1st Revised Sheets 10a-10d Canceling Original Sheets 10a-10d

3. That an early prehearing conference shall be held on May 21, 1999, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The prehearing conference shall be held at the Commission's offices on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. Anyone wishing to attend who has special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days before the prehearing conference at: Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.

4. That this order shall become effective on May 15, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief
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 6th day of May, 1999.