## STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 17th day of August, 1994.

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In the matter of the Joint application of Missouri Cities Water Company and the Duckett Creek Sewer District for approval of agreement and tariff filings relating to discontinuance of water service and delinquent charges for Duckett Creek Sewer District.

CASE NO. WD-95-1

## ORDER APPROVING AGREEMENT

On July 1, 1994, Missouri Cities Water Company (Missouri Cities) and Duckett Creek Sewer District (District) filed an application seeking Commission approval of a "Termination of Water Service Agreement" (agreement). The agreement is a contract entered into pursuant to Section 393.015, RSMo (Supp. 1993), whereby the water service provided by Missouri Cities may be discontinued for nonpayment of a bill for sewer service provided by the District. The agreement is specifically applicable to the District which is located within the St. Charles County service area of Missouri Cities.

On August 3, 1994, Missouri Cities filed an amendment to the application stating its intention to enter into similar contracts with sewer utilities in its remaining service areas. Missouri Cities states that such contracts would have language identical to the proposed agreement in this case except for the charges based on actual cost. Missouri Cities requests that the Commission authorize it to enter into such contracts with other sewer utilities.

On August 5, 1994, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum recommending that the Commission approve the proposed agreement. Staff also recommended that Missouri Cities be authorized to enter into similar contracts with other sewer utilities.

Upon review of the application, the agreement, and Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds that the proposed agreement is reasonable and in compliance with Section 393.015, RSMo (Supp. 1993). Thus, the Commission determines that the agreement filed by Missouri Cities and the District should be approved.

However, the Commission is of the opinion that it should not approve a contract or agreement before such a contract or agreement actually exists. Missouri Cities may negotiate contracts with sewer utilities as it deems prudent, but each such contract must be approved by the Commission on its own merits.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the "Termination of Water Service Agreement" filed by Missouri Cities Water Company and Duckett Creek Sewer District is hereby approved.
- 2. That Missouri Cities Water Company shall file tariff sheets consistent with the application and this Order within ten (10) days of the effective date of this Order.
  - That this Order shall become effective on August 30, 1994.

BY THE COMMISSION

David L. Rauch Executive Secretary

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Mueller, Chm., McClure, Kincheloe, and Crumpton, CC., Concur.
Perkins, C., Absent.