

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a Session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office  
in Jefferson City on the 2nd  
day of July, 1998.

In the Matter of Ozark Water & Wastewater	)	
Management, Inc.'s Tariff Sheet Designed	)	<u>Case No. SR-94-180</u>
to Provide for a Surcharge to be Used to	)	
Obtain an EIERA Loan	)	

**ORDER DIRECTING REDUCTION IN SURCHARGE**

On May 2, 1995, the Commission issued an order in this case authorizing Ozark Water & Wastewater Management, Inc. (OWWM) to establish a surcharge related to a financing arrangement with the Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority (EIERA) and to file tariffs implementing that surcharge. The Commission also ordered the Staff of the Public Service Commission (Staff) to investigate annually the status of the surcharge and to determine whether a refund is in order and what adjustments should be made to the surcharge.

On May 1, 1998, Staff filed a memorandum pursuant to the Commission's May 2, 1995 order. Staff states that, since the currently approved amount of \$3.02 per customer per month was determined based upon 416 customers and OWWM now has 443 customers, the surcharge amount should be reduced to \$2.84. Staff also states that it is initiating a "pre-ending surcharge audit" to investigate whether the surcharge funds received by OWWM have been handled in compliance with the tariff provisions. Staff states that this audit will also determine when the surcharge should be ended. OWWM did not respond to the Staff memorandum.

The Commission determines that the surcharge amount should be reduced from \$3.02 to \$2.84, and that the audit proposed by the Staff is reasonable.

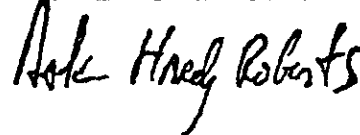
**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That, within 20 days of the effective date of this order, Ozark Water & Wastewater Management, Inc. shall file a revised tariff sheet to reflect the reduction in the surcharge amount to \$2.84 per customer per month. This tariff shall bear an effective date at least thirty days after its issue date.

2. That the Staff of the Commission shall conduct an audit to determine when the surcharge should end, and to ensure that the surcharge funds have been properly handled and booked.

3. That this order shall become effective on July 14, 1998.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



**Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

(S E A L)

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

Mills, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge