

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
JEFFERSON CITY
March 19, 2002**

CASE NO: WR-2002-371

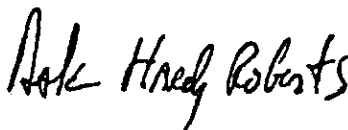
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,

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**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 19th day
of March, 2002.

In the Matter of the Request of Argyle Estates)
Water Supply for a General Rate Increase) **Case No. WR-2002-371**
Pursuant to the Commission's Small Company) **Tariff File No. 200101195**
Rate Increase Procedure at 4 CSR 240-2.200.)

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

This order approves the tariff of Argyle Estates Water Supply. The tariff will implement a rate increase for the Company.

On February 4, 2002, Argyle Estates Water Supply filed its cover letter, Agreement, and a proposed tariff seeking a general rate increase pursuant to the Commission's small company rate increase procedure at Rule 4 CSR 240-2.200.¹ Argyle Estates Water Supply requested approximately \$5,433 in increased annual operating revenues for its water operations, an increase of approximately 58.9 percent. In its cover letter, Argyle Estates Water Supply consented to an extension of the 150-day time limit imposed by the regulation. The filed Agreement was signed by Argyle Estates Water Supply and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission. The proposed tariff sheet bears an effective date of March 22, 2002.

¹ Argyle Estates Water Supply initiated the small company rate increase process by submitting a letter to the Commission, which was stamped "Received" at the Commission offices on June 18, 2001. The Company originally requested an increase of \$5,700 in its annual water service operating revenues.

On February 8, 2002, the Commission issued its Order Directing Filing, setting February 25, 2002, as the deadline for submitting requests for a Local Public Hearing. If no Local Public Hearing was requested, the order required the Office of the Public Counsel to file a pleading by March 1, 2002, stating its agreement or disagreement with the proposed rate increase. No request for a Local Public Hearing was received and Public Counsel timely filed its pleading on February 25, 2002, stating that it does not oppose the Agreement.

On March 13, 2002, Staff filed its Recommendation and Memorandum recommending approval of Argyle Estates Water Supply's proposed rate increase and tariff revisions, to be effective for service rendered on and after March 22, 2002. The Agreement indicates that the Company provides water service to approximately 49 customers. In addition to the rate increase, the Agreement provides for the establishment of certain new service charges and for increases in some existing service charges. The Agreement also includes depreciation rates to be used by the Company, and several other provisions concerning the Company's operations.

On March 19, 2002, Staff filed a supplemental pleading providing additional support for the proposed increase.

The Company notified its customers of the request for an increase in rates and charges by letter dated July 13, 2001. Based upon its audit of the Company's books and records, an evaluation of the Company's depreciation rates, and an analysis of the Company's capital structure and cost of capital, Staff concluded that the Company could justify an increase of \$5,433 in its annual water service operating revenues.

The Commission finds the rate increase contained in the Agreement of the parties is just and reasonable and should be approved. The Commission further concludes that the Company should implement the depreciation rates, the changes to service charges, and the general operations provisions found in the Agreement. The Commission will approve the Agreement of the parties and will approve the proposed tariff sheets that implement the rate increase for service on or after March 22, 2002.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Agreement filed on February 4, 2002, and entered into by Argyle Estates Water Supply, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and assented to by the Office of the Public Counsel, is approved. Argyle Estates Water Supply shall comply with its terms.

2. That the proposed tariff sheets filed by Argyle Estates Water Supply, and assigned Tariff File No. 200101195, is approved for service on or after March 22, 2002:

P.S.C. MO No. 2

3rd Revised Sheet No. 6 canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 6
1st Revised Sheet No. 7 canceling Original Sheet No. 7

3. That Argyle Estates Water Supply shall utilize the depreciation rates contained in Attachment A to the Agreement.

4. That this order shall become effective on March 22, 2002.

5. That this case may be closed on March 23, 2002.

BY THE COMMISSION

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

(S E A L)

Simmons, Ch., Lumpe,
and Forbis, CC., concur.
Gaw, C., dissents.
Murray, C., absent.

Ruth, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

LJ/Secretary: Ruth / Pope

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KS
Simmons, Chair

absent
Murray, Commissioner

S. L. P. 1
Lumpe, Commissioner

7/6 - no
Gaw, Commissioner

Forbis
Forbis, Commissioner

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Agenda Date

Action taken: 3-1 AA

Must Vote Not Later Than 3-21

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 19th day of March 2002 .

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

