STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 11th day of June, 1996.

In the Matter of the Application of Timber Creek)
Sewer Company, for Permission, Approval, and a)
Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to Construct, Install, Own, Operate,)
Control, Manage and Maintain a Sewer System for)
the Public, Located in an Unincorporated Area in)
Platte County, Missouri.

CASE NO. SA-96-238

ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

Timber Creek Sewer Company (Timber Creek or the company) filed an application with the Commission on January 26, 1996, for a certificate of convenience and necessity to provide sewer service in an unincorporated area of Platte County, Missouri.

The Commission issued an Order and Notice on April 1, 1996, directing interested parties to intervene on or before April 30, 1996. The notice stated that if no one filed an application to intervene or a motion for hearing the Applicant would be allowed to submit evidence in support of its application by verified statement. No applications to intervene or motions for hearing were filed.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a memorandum on May 29, 1996, recommending that the Commission grant Timber Creek's application for a certificate of convenience and necessity. Staff stated that this proposed expansion of Timber Creek's service area will have a positive impact on customer growth and on treatment capacity expansion, but will not negatively affect the company's financial structure or the monthly rates charged to customers. Staff recommended that the application be

approved to become effective concurrently with tariff sheets yet to be filed containing the map and the metes and bounds description of Timber Creek's service area.

The Commission may approve the construction of a sewer system where the Commission finds it is necessary or convenient for the public service. § 393.170 RSMo (1994). Upon review of this application and Staff's recommendation, the Commission finds that providing adequate, safe, and reliable sewer service to the proposed service area is in the public interest, and that Timber Creek's proposal for providing that service is reasonable. The Commission is of the opinion that Timber Creek's application should be approved, subject to the filing of tariff sheets containing the map and the metes and bounds description of its service area.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That Timber Creek Sewer Company be granted a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct, install, own, operate, control, manage, and maintain a sewer system for the public in an unincorporated area of Platte County, Missouri, as described in its application. That the certificate of convenience and necessity shall become effective on the effective date of the revised tariff sheets described in Ordered Paragraph 2.
- 2. That Timber Creek Sewer Company shall file revised tariff sheets consistent with this order containing the map and the metes and bounds description of its service area no later than July 11, 1996.
- 3. That Timber Creek Sewer Company shall provide service to the service area approved by this order pursuant to its current, Commission-approved tariff.

- 4. That nothing in this order shall be considered a finding regarding the reasonableness of the expenditures involved, nor of the value for ratemaking purposes of any properties constructed in the provision of service to the expanded service area.
 - 5. That this order shall become effective on June 21, 1996.

BY THE COMMISSION

David L. Rauch Executive Secretary

(SEAL)

Zobrist, Chm., McClure, Kincheloe, and Drainer, CC., Concur. Crumpton, C., Absent.

ALJ: Freeman