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# STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 10th day of November, 1994.

In the matter of Rogue Creek Utilities, Inc.'s tariff revisions designed to increase rates for water service pursuant to the Commission's informal rate procedure	) ) )	<u>Case No. WR-95-91</u>
In the matter of Rogue Creek Utilities, Inc.'s tariff revisions designed to increase rates for sewer service pursuant to the Commission's informal rate procedure	) ) )	Case No. SR-95-92

## ORDER CONSOLIDATING CASES AND APPROVING TARIFFS

On September 23, 1994, as the result of an informal rate procedure, Rogue Creek Utilities (RCU) filed tariff sheets requesting an increase in annual water and sewer revenues of approximately \$1,365.00 for water and \$2,144.00 for sewer. On October 19, 1994, a substitute water tariff sheet was filed correcting a mathematical error. The effective date of this tariff filing is November 16, 1994.

Due to the fact that these two cases have been dealt with jointly by the parties up to this point and also due to the fact that the Staff recommendation, statement of position of the Office of Public Counsel (OPC), and response of RCU deal with both systems, the Commission finds it appropriate to consolidate these two cases for purposes of this order.

On September 28, 1994, the OPC tendered a request for a public hearing as the result of various service complaints. A public hearing was held in this matter on October 21, 1994, in Potosi, Missouri. Subsequently, the OPC filed its statement of position in this case in which it agreed that the proposed rates were reasonable, but suggested various

conditions be imposed by the Commission designed to remedy service, water quality, and sewerage problems which were discovered.

On November 4, 1994, the Staff of the Commission filed its recommendation in this matter. After audit, the Staff also recommended approval of the proposed water and sewer rates, stating that they appeared reasonable. In addition, the Staff proposed various conditions much the same as those proposed by the OPC, but with the inclusion of a number of record keeping matters.

On October 28, 1994, notice was sent to the parties advising them that responses to the statement of position of the OPC must be filed no later than November 4, 1994. No response of any type was received from RCU except a letter to the Staff proposing various solutions to the quality and reliability matters.

The Commission finds that an evidentiary hearing is not necessary in this case, as it appears that all parties are in agreement as to the reasonableness of the proposed rates and the various solutions to be imposed to alleviate quality and reliability problems.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariffs, the Staff recommendation, the transcript of the public hearing, and the statements by the OPC and RCU, and finds the tariffs to be reasonable and in the public interest due to the need for various improvements in the system. The tariffs will result in the following rate increases:

	CURRENT	PROPOSED	% INCREASE
Monthly Water Bill using 3000 gallons	\$5.27	\$6.75	28%
Monthly Sewer Bill	\$7.00	\$9.45	35%

The tariffs will be approved for service on or after November 16, 1994. In addition, by apparent agreement between the parties, the

Commission will order various other matters be performed by RCU, including modifications in accounting and administrative matters and repairing and testing procedures for the physical plant.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That Cases No. WR-95-91 and SR-95-92 are hereby consolidated.
- 2. That the following substitute tariff sheet, filed by Rogue Creek Utilities on October 19, 1994, is hereby approved for water service on or after November 16, 1994:

### P.S.C. Mo. No. 2

2nd Revised Sheet No. 6, cancelling 1st Revised Sheet No. 6

3. That the following tariff sheet, filed by Rogue Creek Utilities for sewer service on September 23, 1994, is hereby approved for service on or after November 16, 1994:

## P.S.C. Mo. No. 2

2nd Revised Sheet No. 6, cancelling 1st Revised Sheet No. 6

- 4. That Rogue Creek Utilities is hereby ordered to cease imposing a late charge on its customers.
- 5. That Rogue Creek Utilities is hereby ordered to document its plant records and professional fee records in accordance with procedures as set out by the Staff of the Commission.
- 6. That Rogue Creek Utilities is hereby ordered to post a notice at the subdivision entrance and at the subdivision club house no less than five (5) days before any anticipated interruption in water service lasting more than 4 hours.
- 7. That Rogue Creek Utilities is hereby ordered to install a flush valve in accordance with the recommendation and to the satisfaction of the Commission Staff.

- 8. That Rogue Creek Utilities is hereby ordered to cooperate fully with the Staff of the Commission in eliminating immediately any water quality problems in the water system involving unacceptable levels of lead.
- 9. That Rogue Creek Utility will repair a complained of manhole to the satisfaction of the Staff of the Commission.
- 10. That this order shall become effective on November 16, 1994.

BY THE COMMISSION

David L. Rauch

Executive Secretary

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