

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Stoddard County)
Sewer Company, Inc., R.D. Sewer Co., L.L.C. and the)
Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission for an) **Case No. SO-2008-0289**
Order Authorizing Stoddard County Sewer Co., Inc. to)
Transfer its Assets to R.D. Sewer Co., L.L.C., and for an)
Interim Rate Increase.)

ORDER APPOINTING SPECIAL MASTER FOR RETAINING OUTSIDE
EXPERTS

Issue Date: April 8, 2008

Effective Date: April 8, 2008

On March 4, 2008, Stoddard County Sewer Company, Inc. ("Stoddard County"), R.D. Sewer Co., L.L.C. ("R.D. Sewer") and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") (together, the "Joint Applicants") filed a Joint Application for an order authorizing Stoddard County to transfer its assets to R.D. Sewer and to approve an interim rate increase. Because the Commission's Staff joined the parties as one of the Applicants, the Commission will retain outside experts to provide a neutral analysis of Stoddard County's financial condition and the physical condition of its sewer facilities. The Commission requires this information in order to render a decision regarding the Joint Applicants' requests for approval of the transfer of assets and approval of the interim rate increase.

The Commission believes the appointment of a special master will be helpful to locate and retain unbiased, outside experts to aid the Commission with its decision.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. Regulatory Law Judge Benjamin Lane is appointed as Special Master for the purpose of locating and retaining unbiased outside experts as described in the body of this order.
2. The Special Master is given authority to take all required actions in association with the retention of the experts herein described.
3. This order shall become effective on April 8, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colleen M. Dale". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Harold Stearley, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 8th day of April, 2008.