

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 SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE, SETTING HEARING
DATES AND DIRECTING THE FILING OF A PROPOSED PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE**

Issue Date: April 9, 2008

Effective Date: April 9, 2008

On March 4, 2008,¹ 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. On March 5, the Commission issued notice, set an intervention deadline and deadline for requesting hearing. No intervention requests were filed and no proper party requested a hearing.

On April 8, at a scheduled and noticed Commission Agenda meeting, the Commission decided to conduct a local public hearing and an evidentiary hearing in this matter. Consequently, this matter is now at issue and a prehearing conference and procedural schedule are appropriate to ensure its prompt resolution.

¹ All dates throughout this order refer to the year 2008 unless otherwise noted.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The parties shall appear at a prehearing conference to be held on April 16, 2008, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The prehearing conference will be held in Room 305 at the Commission's offices in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, a building that meets the accessibility standards required by the Americans With Disabilities Act. Any person needing additional accommodations to participate in this prehearing conference should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 or dial Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the conference.

2. Any party that wishes to participate in the conference by telephone may do so by calling (573) 526-5904 or (866) 630-9352 at the time set for the conference. If any of the parties believe they will require the phone bridge for a period longer than one and half hours, they should notify the Regulatory Law Judge by calling 573-522-8459 no later than April 11, 2008.

3. The parties shall jointly prepare and file a proposed procedural schedule no later than April 23, 2008. The procedural schedule shall culminate with an evidentiary hearing being held on July 1-2, 2008. Additional instructions will be provided at the prehearing conference.

4. The Missouri Public Service Commission will conduct a local public hearing in this matter on June 4, 2008, and will set the time and location of this local public hearing in a subsequent order.

5. R.D. Sewer Co., L.L.C. shall notify each affected customer of the scheduled hearings. The form and time of the notice shall be agreed upon by the parties and shall be filed for the Commission's approval no later than April 23, 2008.

6. This order shall become effective on April 9, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written in a cursive style.

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 9th day of April, 2008.