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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 13th
day of June, 1997.

Staff of the Missouri Public)
Service Commission,)
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 Complainant,)
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vs.)
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Ozark Water and Wastewater)
Management, Inc.,)
)
 Respondent.)

Case No. WC-96-236

ORDER ACCEPTING AGREEMENT

On January 24, 1996, this docket was opened as a result of a Complaint filed by the Staff of the Commission (Staff) alleging that Ozark Water and Wastewater Management, Inc. (Ozark) was in violation of its tariffs and a previous Commission order by failing to timely repay a loan obtained from the Environmental Improvement and Energy Resources Authority (EIERA). The Staff also alleged that the funds to repay this loan were included in and collected from the ratepayers of Ozark through rates. The Commission would note that this matter was previously stayed based on Ozark's promise to repay its delinquency. This has not yet occurred.

On May 6, Ozark filed its Answer stating that it admitted the allegation and agreed to repay the full delinquent amount in six monthly installments of \$250.00.

On May 21, the Staff responded that it was in agreement with the Ozark Answer and requested the Commission accept the agreement and

order the monthly payments to be made on the 10th day of each month, which is the due date for the regular EIERA payment of Ozark.

The Commission has considered the information filed in this matter and finds the Ozark proposal to be reasonable and in the public interest. The Commission also agrees with the Staff that the six agreed-upon monthly payments on the delinquent amount should be made by the 10th of each month. The Commission has been very patient with Ozark in this matter. The Commission is aware that the ratepayers of Ozark are being charged in rates for the EIERA payments on an ongoing basis. Any additional delinquencies may result in granting the Staff authorization to seek penalties in Circuit Court for Ozark's failure to comply with a Commission order. The Commission will hold this docket open pending notification by the Staff that the delinquent amount has been paid in full.

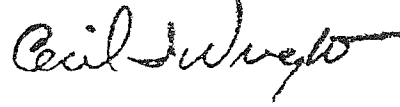
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Commission accepts the agreement to repay in full the delinquent amount owed by Ozark Water and Wastewater Management, Inc. to EIERA and orders Ozark Water and Wastewater Management, Inc. to make payments in the amount of \$250.00 per month, payable by the 10th of each month, until the delinquent amount is paid in full.

2. That this docket will remain open until the Commission is advised by the Staff of the Commission that Ozark Water and Wastewater Management, Inc. has satisfied the terms of this order or has failed to do so.

3. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Cecil I. Wright", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary

(S E A L)

Drainer, Crumpton, and
Murray, CC., Concur.
Zobrist, Chm., and
Lumpe, C., Absent.

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