STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 28th day of February, 1992.

In the matter of Argyle Estates Water Supply's)
tariff to increase water rates pursuant to the)
informal rate procedure.

CASE NO. WR-92-147

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

On December 23, 1991, Argyle Estates Water Supply (Company) filed a tariff proposing to increase its rates for water service pursuant to the Commission's informal rate proceeding rule, 4 CSR 240-2.060(8). This tariff had a requested effective date of February 1, 1992, which was extended to March 1, 1992.

On February 24, 1992, the Commission's Staff (Staff) filed a memorandum in this case recommending that the Commission approve the proposed increase for service rendered on and after March 1, 1992. In support of its recommendation Staff states that it has audited Company's books, records and operations and has notified Company's customers by written notice dated December 18, 1991. Staff notes that it has not received any complaints from customers about the proposed increase.

The proposal would increase Company's annual revenues by approximately \$558.00 or eight percent. The typical residential customer using 24,000 gallons of water per quarter presently pays \$37.22 per quarter and would pay \$40.35 per quarter as a result of the proposed increase. Public Counsel has agreed to the proposed rate increase.

Based upon the recommendation of Staff and the information contained in Staff's memorandum, the Commission determines that the proposed rate increase is reasonable and should be approved for service on and after March 1, 1992. Since the proposed rate increase exceeds seven percent, the Commission will

direct its Executive Secretary to so notify the appropriate governing bodies pursuant to Section 393.275, RSMo 1986.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That the tariff filed in this case by Argyle Estates Water Supply on December 23, 1991, be approved hereby for service on and after March 1, 1992.
- 2. That the Executive Secretary of the Commission be directed hereby, pursuant to Section 393.275, RSMo 1986, to notify the appropriate governing bodies, if any, of the percentage increase approved herein together with an estimate of the annual increase in gross receipts resulting from this tariff increase for customers residing in any such city or county so notified.
 - 3. That this order shall become effective on March 1, 1992.

BY THE COMMISSION

Brent Stewart Executive Secretary

(SEAL)

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