

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 August, 1993.

In the matter of Woodland Heights Utilities, Inc.'s)
tariff sheet designed to increase rates for sewer)
service pursuant to the Commission's informal rate) Case No. SR-94-9
procedure.)
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ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

On March 8, 1993, Woodland Heights Utilities, Inc. (Company) requested proposed tariffs pursuant to the Commission's small company rate procedure designed to increase annual revenue by \$1,754 or 22 percent in its water operation and \$9,102 or 372 percent in its sewer operation. Company operates a water and sewer operation in Crawford County, Missouri that serves 67 customers, with its principal office located at 601 Sappington Bridge Road, Sullivan, Missouri 63080. The Company notified the Commission's Staff (Staff) of its proposal on March 8, 1993. The customers were notified of the Company's requested water and sewer rate increase by written notice on April 15, 1993 and again before July 14, 1993. On July 14, 1993 the Company filed a proposed tariff to increase annual revenue by \$6,396 or 265 percent in its sewer operation.

On August 9, 1993 the Staff filed its recommendation that the proposed tariff increasing sewer rates be approved. Staff states that based upon its audit of Company, it believes there is justification for a rate increase for sewer service of approximately \$6,396 or 265 percent. Staff also states that the Office of Public Counsel supports the proposed tariff filed by the Company to increase sewer rates. Staff states that sewer customers' monthly service charge would increase from \$3.00 currently to \$10.96 under the proposed tariff. Staff states that it received two telephone calls complaining of the proposed increase.

As to the requested water increase, Staff states that Company has engaged an engineer who is designing plans to meet the concerns of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and that Company anticipates filing a finance case and a water rate case at the appropriate time with the Commission once the proposed plans are approved by DNR.

After considering the proposed tariff to increase sewer rates and Staff's recommendation, the Commission determines that there is a definite need for the sewer rate increase and that the Company's proposed tariff to increase sewer rates is just and reasonable. Therefore, the Commission will approve the proposed tariff to increase sewer rates. Also, since the rate increase exceeds seven percent, the provisions of Section 393.275, R.S.Mo. 1986, apply.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following proposed tariff filed on July 14, 1993 by Woodland Heights Utilities, Inc. to increase sewer rates be approved for sewer service rendered on and after August 15, 1993.

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2. That Woodland Heights Utilities, Inc., pursuant to Section 393.275, R.S.Mo. 1986, shall file with the Commission a list of the city(s) and/or county(s) that impose a business license tax on it and shall therein estimate the annual increase in gross receipts resulting to the city(s) and/or county(s) from the revenue increase herein authorized.

3. That this order shall become effective on the 15th day of August, 1993.

(S E A L)

McClure, Perkins and Kincheloe, CC.,
concur.
Mueller, Chm., and Crumpton, C., absent.

BY THE COMMISSION

Brent Stewart

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Executive Secretary