

**TARIFF FILING TRANSMITTAL LETTER – COMPANY/STAFF AGREEMENT**

April 7, 2010

Secretary of the Commission  
Missouri Public Service Commission  
**Attn: Data Center**  
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RE: Sewer Utility Small Company Rate Increase Request  
MO Case. No SR-2010-0140

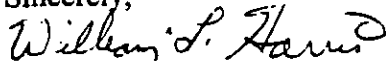
Dear Secretary:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission are an original and three copies of revised tariff sheets that include rate and language changes reflected in an Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Company Rate Increase Request (Disposition Agreement) between Valley Woods Water Company Inc.(Company) and the Commission Staff (Staff) regarding the above-referenced small company rate increase request.

Consistent with the above-referenced Disposition Agreement, the enclosed revised tariff sheets contain customer rates that are intended to produce an increase of \$11,569 in the Company's annual sewer system operating revenues, and also contain all other provisions necessary to implement the terms of the Disposition Agreement.

Please contact me at your convenience if you need anything further regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



William L. Harris  
President  
Valley Woods Water Company, Inc

Enclosures

Copies (w/enclosures):

Jim Russo – Commission Staff  
Christina Baker – Office of the Public Counsel

P.S.C. MO No. 1

1st Revised Sheet No. 4

Canceling P.S.C. MO No. 1 Original Sheet No. 4

Valley Woods Water Company, Inc.

For: Certificated Sewer Service Areas in

Christian County

Name of Issuing Company

Community, Town or City

**Rules Governing  
Rendering of Sewer Service**

**Schedule of Rates**

**Availability:** This rate is available to any customer adjacent to the Company's main sewer lines using sewer service. Each customer will be billed with the rates below, as applicable.

**Monthly Minimum Charge**

**Single Customer Monthly Charge:**

Served by a 5/8" water meter	\$ 59.43 per month	+
Served by a 3/4" water meter	\$ 89.16 per month	+
Served by a 1" water meter	\$148.59 per month	+

**Taxes:** All applicable Federal, State or local taxes shall be added separately to the bill in addition to the above charges.

Sewer Bills will be prepared and distributed on a monthly billing cycle and will be rendered net, bearing the last date on which payment is due, all in accordance with Rule 9 hereafter.

**Returned Check Charge**

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A returned check charge of \$29.00 will be charged for any check returned to the company unpaid.

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**Schedule of Service Charges**

Service charges to potential or existing customers of the Company's sewer service requesting or using services will be charged at the following rates:

Installation:

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Charge for installation of sewer service connection and a septic tank located on each customer's property by the Company shall be the actual cost of the tank, tap-on parts and labor.

Inspections:

Fee for subsequent connection inspections shall be \$35.00.

"Service Calls:"

Repairs or maintenance made by the Company as a result of damage or misuse of Company property, or customer property, when requested by the customer shall be paid by the customer based upon the actual cost of labor and materials for said repairs or maintenance, but in no event shall be less than \$50.00.

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	directly or indirectly, holds title to, or sells or leases, or offers to sell or lease, or advertises for sale or lease, any lots in a subdivision.
H.	"DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE" is intentional cessation of the use of sewer service by action of the company not at the request of the customer. Such DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE may be accomplished by methods including physical disconnection of the service sewer, or disconnection of water service by the water utility at the request of the company.
I.	"DOMESTIC SEWAGE" is sewage, excluding storm or surface water, resulting from normal household activities; and "NON-DOMESTIC SEWAGE" is all sewage other than DOMESTIC SEWAGE including, but not limited to, commercial or industrial wastes. (see Rule 6 pertaining to Improper Waste and Excessive Use.)
J.	A "FOUNDATION DRAIN" is a pipe installed inside or outside the foundation of a structure for the purpose of draining ground or subsurface water away from the foundation.
K.	"pH" is the relative degree of acidity or alkalinity of water as indicated by the hydrogen ion concentration. PH is indicated on a scale reading from 1-14, with 7 being neutral, below 7 acid, and above 7 alkaline; more technically defined as the logarithm of the reciprocal of the hydrogen ion concentration.
L. *	A "SEPTIC TANK" is a buried tank located on the customer's property accessible at ground level or above, owned and maintained by the company, used to partially treat sewage anaerobically and to capture solids, and has an internal screen filter.
M.	"SERVICE CONNECTION" is the connection of a service sewer to the company collecting sewer either at the bell of a wye branch or the bell of a saddle placed on the barrel of the collecting sewer.
N.	A "SERVICE SEWER" is a pipe with appurtenances installed, owned and maintained by the customer, used to conduct sewage from the customer's
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<p>O.</p> <p>P.</p> <p>Q.</p> <p>R.</p>	<p>premises to the collecting sewer, excluding service wyes or saddles. For customers connected to a Recirculating Sand Filter type treatment facility and with a septic tank located upon the property, the CUSTOMER SERVICE SEWER is the portion of the Service Sewer between the building or unit and septic tank and is owned by the customer, and the COMPANY SERVICE SEWER is the portion of the Service Sewer between the septic tank and collecting sewer and is owned by the company.</p> <p>A "SUBDIVISION" is any land in the state of Missouri which is divided or proposed to be divided into two or more lots or other divisions of land, whether contiguous or not, or uniform in size or not, for the purpose of sale or lease, and includes resubdivision thereof.</p> <p>"SUSPENDED SOLIDS" are the insoluble materials suspended or dispersed in waste water, expressed in milligrams per liter on a dry weight basis, as determined by standard procedures.</p> <p>"TERMINATION OF SERVICE" is the cessation of the use of sewer service requested by the customer. Such TERMINATION OF SERVICE shall be accomplished by a method verified and recognized by the company, and may include physical disconnection of the service sewer, termination or disconnection of water service by the water utility, or the company's observation of non-occupancy of the unit served.</p> <p>The word "UNIT" or LIVING UNIT shall be used herein to define the premises or property of a single sewer user, whether or not that sewer user is the customer. It shall pertain to any building whether multi-tenant or single occupancy, residential or commercial, owned or leased. Each mobile home in a mobile home park, and each rental unit of a multi-tenant rental property are considered as separate UNITS for each single family or firm occupying same as a residence or place of business.</p>
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Rule 4 Applications for Sewer Service

- A. A written application for service, signed by the customer, and accompanied by the appropriate fees as provided in the Schedule of Rates, Service Charges, or Rule 11 – Extension of Collecting Sewer, and other information required by these rules, must be received from each customer before service is provided to any unit. Said application must be filed in writing \* two (2) weeks in advance stating the street, house number, name of the applicant, and the name of the property owner. The company shall have the right to refuse service for failure to comply with the rules herein, or if the customer owes a past due bill not in dispute for sewer service at any location within the company's service area. In any case where a sewer extension, or unusual construction or equipment expense is necessary to furnish the service, the company may require a contract for service specifying a reasonable period of time for the company to provide the service. If the customer is a tenant, the company shall notify the owner of the property that the owner may be responsible for payment of the sewer service bill.
  
- B. A prospective commercial or industrial customer shall, upon request of the company, present in writing to the company a list of devices which will discharge to the collecting sewers, the amount and specifications of any discharge, and the location of any buildings. The company will then advise the customer of the form and character of the waste water collection facilities available. If a sewer extension as provided for in Rule 11 – Extension of Collecting Sewers will be necessary, or if the customer will be required to own, operate, and maintain a pretreatment facility, the customer will also be so advised.
  
- C. When sewer charges are based on water usage, the company reserves

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the right to refuse sewer service to any applicant unless said applicant agrees to install a water meter accessible by the company, so that there will be a basis for sewer charges. The company and customer may agree to an estimated water use amount, on an interim basis for a period not to exceed six (6) months, to allow time to install suitable metering equipment.

- D. The company will determine or approve the location of the service connection. Service sewers will not be extended along public streets or roadways or through property of others in connecting with collecting sewers. If a service connection is requested at a point not already served by a collecting sewer of adequate capacity, the collecting sewer shall be extended in accordance with Rule 11 – Extension of Collecting Sewers, unless, in the company's judgement such a collecting sewer would serve no other purpose and a service sewer may be constructed to serve the customer's premises in a reasonable manner.
- E. A new service connection shall be authorized when all conditions of Paragraphs A, B, C, and D, above, are met.
- F. No substantial addition to the water using equipment or appliances connected to the sewer system shall be made by commercial or industrial customers except upon written notice to and with the written consent of the company.
- G. Any change in the location of an existing service connection and/or service sewer requested by the customer shall be made at the customer's expense.

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+ Rule 5 Inside Piping, Customer Service Sewer, Company Service Sewer, and  
Septic Tank

- A. This rule applies to customers connected to a Recirculating Sand Filter type treatment facility, where initial treatment is provided on each customer's premises using an on-site septic tank.
- B. Application, accompanied by any authorized service fees and charges, must be filed in writing at the company's business office during normal business hours two (2) weeks in advance to allow for local permit compliance and scheduling and moving excavation equipment. The Application shall include the street, house number, name of applicant, name of property owner, and other information as reasonably necessary to obtain required permits and conduct the installation work. The company shall not be required to supply sewer service unless these conditions are met. One connection shall not service more than one property.
- C. The company will locate the point on the collecting sewer to which the service connection will be made and, in consideration of the CIAC Charge, shall install and connect one septic tank of suitable capacity, the company service sewer between the septic tank and the company's collecting sewer which shall be located in a public street or easement, and all components necessary for installation. All taps and connections are to be done by the company.
- D. A separate and independent service sewer shall generally be required for every building. Exceptions are:
- (1) When one building stands at the rear of another building on an interior lot where a proper service sewer cannot be constructed through an

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adjoining easement. In that situation, a service sewer from the front building may be extended to the rear building and it will be considered as one service sewer.

- (2) When two or more buildings are a part of a complex which cannot be subdivided.
- (3) The company shall make a case-by-case determination regarding the number and locations of septic tanks to serve multiple buildings.

E. The customer service sewer between the unit or building and the septic tank shall drain into the tank, and shall be installed by and at the expense of the customer, subject to inspection by the company, and owned and maintained by the customer. Perforated drain field piping shall not be utilized for any portion of the service sewer. All excavations required for the installation of a customer service sewer shall be open trench work unless otherwise approved by the company. Pipe laying and backfill shall be performed in accordance with the latest published engineering specifications of the manufacturer of the materials used, and all applicable local plumbing codes. No backfill shall be placed until the work has been inspected by the company. In the event the customer or the customer's agent shall damage a septic tank, company service sewer, collecting sewer, fittings or appurtenances, then the customer shall be responsible for the cost to repair damage including replacement of parts and material as necessary.

F. The service sewer shall be ductile iron pipe, polyvinyl chloride pipe (PVC), ASTM specification or equal, or other suitable material approved by the company. Only those jointing materials and methods which are approved by the company may be used. Joints shall be tight and waterproof. Any part of the service sewer that is located within ten (10) feet of a water service pipe

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shall be constructed of ductile iron or PVC pressure pipe. The pipe shall be bedded according to the manufacturer's specifications and on undisturbed earth or fill compacted to at least 95% proctor density. Fill may be non-organic soil or aggregate.

- G. The size and slope of the service sewer shall be subject to the approval of the company, but in no event shall the diameter be less than four (4) inches. The slope of such four (4) inch pipe shall not be less than one-eighth (1/8) inch per foot.
- H. Whenever possible the service sewer shall be brought to the building at an elevation below the basement floor. No building sewer shall be laid parallel to or within three (3) feet of any bearing wall. The depth shall be sufficient to afford protection from frost. The service sewer shall be laid at a uniform grade and in straight alignment insofar as possible. Changes in direction shall be made only with properly curved pipes and fittings.
- I. Existing service sewers may be used in connection with new buildings only when they are found on examination and test to meet all requirements of the company.
- J. If a customer's premises cannot be served by adequate gravity flow, the customer shall install a pump unit at his own expense. Such an installation shall be in addition to, and separate from, the septic tank. No water operated sewage ejector shall be used. The location of the pump unit is subject to approval of the company on a case-by-case basis, and may be within the building or unit, on the customer service sewer, or on the company service sewer, but shall be upon the customer's property. The customer shall be responsible for maintenance or replacement of the pump, the pit

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and/or housing, the connections, any associated mechanical equipment, internal piping and valves, electrical supply, and electric controls. The pump unit is subject to inspection by the company at the time of installation, and at any subsequent reasonable time.

- K. Plumbing specifications of all government agencies having jurisdiction, and the company's rules in effect at the time of connection must be met. The company may deny service or may discontinue service where foundation drains, downspouts, or other sources of surface or storm water are permitted to enter the sewer system through either the inside piping or through the building sewer.
- L. The company shall, annually or more often if deemed necessary, check each septic tank for solids and check the internal screen filter. When necessary, the company will remove solid waste from the septic tank, clean the screen filter, and perform other ordinary maintenance or repairs as necessary at its expense. Costs incurred to repair damage to a septic tank caused by abuse, improper sewage discharge, or accident by anyone other than company personnel or agent shall be the responsibility of the customer.
- M. Except for making or repairing septic tank connections, Company personnel may not work on piping or facilities not owned by the company unless authorized by the customer. The company shall present to the customer, at the time of application for service, information regarding what services are available from the company, and what will be provided free of charge.

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