

Woodruff, Morris

From: Tammy Corrigan [Tammy.Corrigan@house.mo.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 08, 2004 8:52 AM
To: morris.woodruff@psc.mo.gov
Subject: RE: Letter from Rep. Jason Brown regarding the proposed rate increase of Timber Creek Sewer Company

Importance: High



Timber Creek Sewer
Company.dot...

Hi Morris,

I will be mailing a hard copy of this letter to PSC for your official case records. However, since the meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. this morning, Rep. Brown wanted to ensure you rec'd the letter in time to be included in the case file. Therefore, attached is his response on the proposed rate increase. Please let me know should you have any additional questions.

Warm regards,
Tammy Corrigan
Legislative Asst. to Rep. Jason Brown
Serving the Citizens of Platte County - District 30
(573) 751-6593 - Phone
(573) 522-9278 - Fax
tammy.corrigan@house.mo.gov - Email

CAPITOL OFFICE
State Capitol, Room 235
201 West Capitol Avenue
Jefferson City, MO 65101-6806
Tele: 573-751-6593
Fax: 573-522-9278
E-Mail:
jason.brown@house.mo.gov

COMMITTEES
Vice-Chairman of:
Local Government
Member of:
Conservation & Natural
Resources
Homeland Security & Veterans
Affairs

JASON BROWN

State Representative
District 30

July 8, 2004

Missouri Public Service Commission
Secretary of the Commission
Attn: Data Center
Post Office Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

RE: Timber Creek Sewer Company
MO PSC Case No. SR-2004-0532

I, Jason Brown, State Representative of Platte County, Missouri, do hereby respectfully submit this letter on the matter of the proposed rate increase for Timber Creek Sewer Company currently before the Public Service Commission.

After a conversation on July 1st, between staff from the Public Service Commission's office and myself, I have been informed the PSC will, at the next regularly scheduled meeting, have on the agenda, the issue of the proposed rate increase regarding the Timber Creek Sewer Company. This meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 8, 2004, which begins at approximately 9:30 a.m. in Jefferson City.

Furthermore, my conversation with the PSC staff leads me to believe that a unanimous recommendation from staff and counsel to accept the proposed rate increase as submitted will be placed before the Commissioners for their approval. I find the increase to be un-acceptable and recommend the commissioners deny the requested increase in hook-up fees and monthly rate increases for current homeowners. My reasons are as follows:

The figures presented for the additional costs of infrastructure and the requested increases do not add up to justify or even off-set the increase as homeowners have been led to believe. The Timber Creek Sewer Company is a for-profit business. They are currently operating in the black. It is my belief that the company has not proven the necessity to expand or update current infrastructure at the cost to the homeowner at this time for their continued viability. No one wants to see Timber Creek Sewer Company fail or fall into non-compliance with state regulations. However, a 60% increase in monthly costs to the current average homeowner is simply not justified.

Existing homeowners will have no greater property value by simply paying a 60% monthly increase in their billing. By also increasing hook-up fees, there is a possibility that development in rural Platte County could, in the area between Kansas City and Platte City, be stifled or even slow to develop from these proposed increases. Anything that would jeopardize future responsible development concerns me greatly. It is because of all of these reasons and the complete lack of support from other than the company requesting the rate increases itself, that I would recommend the rate increase be denied by the Public Service Commissioners.

In conclusion, if you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (573) 751-6593. Thank you for taking the time to receive and record this letter into the official case file. Thank you for reviewing this important matter.

Respectfully,

Jason Brown
JB/tc