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Of House Springs Sewer Company ) SR-2012-0399

KENNARD L. JONES, Presiding

SENIOR REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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COMMISSIONERS

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1 JUDGE JONES: Let's go ahead and go on the  
2 record.

3 Good Evening. This is a local public  
4 hearing for case number SR-2012-0399 in the matter of the  
5 application of House Springs Sewer Company Request For  
6 Small Company Rate Increase. My name is Kennard Jones,  
7 I'm the judge who is presiding over this case and first  
8 we'll take issues of appearance from the attorneys that  
9 are present. Let's start with House Springs.

10 MS. FRIBIS: Patricia Fribis.

11 JUDGE JONES: Can you spell your last  
12 name?

13 MS. FRIBIS: Yes, sir. F-r-i-b-i-s.

14 JUDGE JONES: And from the Office of the  
15 Public Counsel?

16 MS. BAKER: Thank you. Christine A.  
17 Baker, PO Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 here  
18 on behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel and the  
19 rate payers.

20 JUDGE JONES: And from the Staff of the  
21 Commission?

22 MS. LEWIS: Rachel Lewis on behalf of the  
23 Staff of the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box  
24 360, Jefferson City Missouri 65102.

25 JUDGE JONES: Okay. Thank you.

1                   As you all know you just had a question  
2   and answer session and now this portion of the commission  
3   represented by Commissioner Stoll, Commissioner Kenney  
4   will hear testimony on the record from you all. You  
5   won't have an opportunity to ask them questions, however,  
6   because any answer they give may implicate a bias in the  
7   case. If you do have questions after this someone will  
8   be here to answer those questions or you may go somewhere  
9   where the court reporter won't be disturbed and get those  
10   answers, those questions answered.

11                   I have a list here of one person who  
12   signed up to testify, after this testimony I will ask if  
13   anyone else wants to give testimony and if you do you'll  
14   be more than welcome to do so.

15                   Prior to testimony I will ask the person  
16   giving that testimony to raise their right hand and be  
17   sworn in, give your statement after which the  
18   commissioners, myself or one of the parties represented  
19   here may have questions for you.

20                   All right. With that -- did either of  
21   you have anything you want to say?

22                   COMMISSIONER STOLL: On behalf of the  
23   Commission I mean personally obviously I wanted to  
24   welcome everybody here tonight, thank you for coming out  
25   and we'll let you know that you can also fill out one of

1 the forms if you don't care to speak tonight and our two  
2 other commissioners aren't here this evening but they  
3 will be reading any transcripts for the evening and going  
4 over the evidence in the case.

5 So again welcome and thanks for coming out  
6 tonight.

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEY: Thanks for  
8 participating in the process and look forward to hearing  
9 what you all have to say.

10 JUDGE JONES: Okay. First we'll hear from  
11 Pamela McCallister.

12 (Whereupon, Ms. McCallister was placed under oath)

13 JUDGE JONES: You may proceed. And you  
14 can have a seat unless you feel more comfortable.

15 MS. MCCALLISTER: I'll just stand up,  
16 that's okay.

17 JUDGE JONES: That's fine.

18 MS. MCCALLISTER: I guess I understand his  
19 explanation as myself as a single person living in a  
20 single family dwelling is going to be assessed the same rate  
21 as McDonald's down there that might have 500 people come  
22 through every year, every day, and use a lot more of the  
23 sewage system than I do.

24 That's the only thing that I really had to  
25 say, I just don't understand why a residential, even if I

1 had 20 people living at the house I'm still not going to  
2 use as much of the facilities as a business.

3 JUDGE JONES: Okay. And what you're  
4 saying is you now understand after the question and  
5 answer session why --

6 MS. MCCALLISTER: I understand why they  
7 say, yeah, but it still doesn't make any sense because  
8 they say well they don't have, they can't tell how many  
9 people are living in that house. You have census  
10 available, anybody wants to go look at it.

11 JUDGE JONES: Any questions?  
12 Commissioner Kenney?

13 COMMISSIONER KENNEY: Just one.

14 Do you have -- thank you again for taking  
15 the time to come out tonight and participate.

16 Do you have any thoughts that you'd like  
17 to express or any concerns about the quality of service  
18 that you've received?

19 MS. MCCALLISTER: No, I can't complain  
20 that the service isn't always there when I need it. I've  
21 never had to call, but. I have no complaints there.

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEY: Okay. Thank you  
23 very much.

24 JUDGE JONES: Mr. Stoll?

25 COMMISSIONER STOLL: I don't know that I

1 have a question, I guess the customers will pay a rate  
2 depending on how much, can somebody explain that? Is it  
3 how many gallons of water that you use, or? Can I ask  
4 that?

5 I'm still not sure sometimes what I can  
6 ask and can't.

7 MS. BAKER: There may be a difference of  
8 opinion on that from the different parties. The question  
9 is about the flat rate.

10 JUDGE JONES: We'd have to swear in the  
11 witness that would be subject to cross examination by the  
12 other parties.

13 COMMISSIONER STOLL: I will find the  
14 answer to that question myself, thank you. As I look  
15 into it some more.

16 JUDGE JONES: Any questions from either of  
17 the parties?

18 Does anyone else wish to testify who's  
19 present here tonight?

20 All right. The hearing then, we'll go off  
21 the record and the on the record portion is closed.

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23 (Whereupon, the hearing was adjourned at 6:22 p.m.)

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Dated this 8th day of January, 2013.

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