

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI\**

In the Matter of WPC Sewer Company's	)	<b><u>Case No. SR-2008-0388</u></b>
Small Company Rate Increase	)	Tariff No. YS-2008-0334

In the Matter of West 16 <sup>th</sup> Sewer Company's	)	<b><u>Case No. SR-2008-0389</u></b>
Small Company Rate Increase	)	Tariff No. YS-2009-0335

**ORDER SETTING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING**

Issue Date: December 17, 2008

Effective Date: December 17, 2008

On June 9,<sup>1</sup> WPC Sewer Company (hereafter "WPC Sewer") and West 16<sup>th</sup> Sewer ("hereafter West 16<sup>th</sup>", and collectively referred to hereafter as "the companies") initiated small water sewer company rate increase actions pursuant to Commission Rules 4 CSR 240-3.050. WPC Sewer serves approximately 65 residential customers in Pettis County, Missouri. West 16<sup>th</sup> serves approximately 147 residential customers, also in Pettis County, Missouri.

On November 6, the companies filed tariffs, bearing an effective date of December 22, which were to increase their rates for sewer service.<sup>2</sup> WPC Sewer originally requested an increase of \$19,207.56. West 16<sup>th</sup> originally requested an increase of \$52,945.68.

After discussions with the Staff of the Commission (hereafter "Staff"), WPC and Staff agreed that WPC Sewer's rate increase should be reduced to \$5,357. Also, after similar

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<sup>1</sup> All calendar references are to 2008 unless otherwise noted.

<sup>2</sup> By separate order, the Commission suspended the tariffs until January 21, 2009.

discussion, West 16<sup>th</sup> and Staff agreed that West 16<sup>th</sup> Sewer's rate increase should be reduced to \$6,031. The companies' tariffs reflect those reduced rate increases.

The Office of the Public Counsel (hereafter "OPC") did not join in those agreements. Instead, on December 9, OPC requested that the Commission hold local public hearings. OPC notes that it does not object to the Commission scheduling the hearing promptly as long as customers are given sufficient notice. OPC's request is reasonable and shall be granted.

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.110(1) requires the Commission to set the time and place for hearings and serve notice as required by law. Section 536.067(4), RSMo 2000, and Section 386.390.5, RSMo 2000, require at least ten days notice be given prior to a hearing.

In complying with its statutory mandate, and taking into consideration the expedited nature of the small sewer company rate increase procedure, the Commission shall set the date for the local public hearing for Monday, January 5, 2009. At the hearing, the Staff of the Commission will hold an informal question-and-answer session beginning at 5:30 p.m. The hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will conclude when every person who wishes to testify has done so.

#### **THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Commission gives notice that it shall hold a local public hearing on January 5, 2009, beginning at 6:00 p.m. A question-and-answer session will be held before the hearing beginning at 5:30 p.m.

2. The local public hearing shall be held at: State Fair Community College, Multipurpose Building, Room 220, 3201 West 16<sup>th</sup> Street, Sedalia, Missouri 65301.

3. No later than December 24, 2008, WPC Sewer Company and West 16<sup>th</sup> Sewer Company shall mail notice of this hearing consistent with this order, said notice being approved by the Staff of the Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel before it is mailed, as required by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(18). Staff shall file a copy of the notice in these cases no later than December 29, 2008.

4. Customers wishing to make written comments or secure additional information may contact the Office of the Public Counsel, Post Office Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (573) 751-4857. Comments may also be registered in this case using the Internet Electronic Filing System at <http://psces/mpsc/>. Use the link to the Public Comment section and fill in all required fields on the comment page.

5. The local public hearing shall be held in a facility that meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodation to participate in the hearing should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing.

6. The Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of Pettis County, Missouri.

7. The Public Information Office of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall make notice of this order available to members of the General Assembly representing the residents in WPC Sewer Company's service area, West 16<sup>th</sup> Sewer Company's service area, and to the news media serving the residents of those service areas.

8. No later than January 12, 2009, the Staff of the Commission shall file a pleading as required by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(19).

9. No later than January 21, 2009, the Office of the Public Counsel shall file a pleading as required by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(19).

10. This order shall become effective on December 17, 2008.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Ronald D. Pridgin, Senior Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2008.