

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 1st day of
July, 2009.

In the Matter of Osage Water Company, Inc.'s
Request for a Rate Increase

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Case No. SR-2009-0152
Tariff No. YS-2009-0827

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF

Issue Date: July 1, 2009

Effective Date: July 1, 2009

This case began on October 23, 2008, when Osage Water Company filed a request for a rate increase under the Commission's small utility rate case procedure. In compliance with the Commission's regulation,¹ the Commission's Staff conducted an investigation of the utility's request. On May 21, 2009, Staff and Osage Water filed a disposition agreement regarding the utility's request for a rate increase. On May 26, Osage Water filed a tariff that would implement the disposition agreement. That tariff carries an effective date of July 10.

On June 26, following a local public hearing held on June 12, the Office of the Public Counsel filed a request for evidentiary hearing. Public Counsel disagrees with certain aspects of the disposition agreement, and requests a hearing regarding the inclusion in the utility's revenue requirement of interest payments on certain monetary judgments against the utility.

Commission rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(24) provides that the Commission is to issue an order resolving a small utility rate case no later than 11 months after the utility requests an

¹ Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050 establishes the small utility rate case procedure.

increase. Since Public Counsel has requested an evidentiary hearing, the Commission will suspend Osage Water's tariff until August 10. In order to bring this matter to a final resolution within the time allowed by the regulation, the Commission will also schedule a prehearing conference to discuss a procedural schedule.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The tariff sheets issued on May 26, 2009, by Osage Water Company and assigned Tariff No. YS-2009-0827, are suspended beyond July 10, 2009, to August 10, 2009, or until otherwise ordered by this Commission. The tariff sheets suspended are:

P.S.C. Mo. No 1

2nd Revised Sheet No. 10, Canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. 10

1st Revised Sheet No. 11, Canceling Original Sheet No. 11

2. A prehearing conference is scheduled for July 13, 2009, at 10:00 a.m., at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, Room 305. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

3. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

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BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

Clayton, Chm., Davis, Jarrett,
and Gunn, CC., concur.

Woodruff, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge