

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE INCREASE AND LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING

April 2, 2022

On March 8, 2022, S. K. & M. Water and Sewer Company (Company) submitted a request to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) for an increase in its annual water and sewer operating revenues **as required per the Company and Commission's disposition agreement** (2019). The reason for the increases is to cover increases in expenses and/or investments in the Company's facilities.

By its request, the Company is seeking changes to its customer rates, which are intended to generate an increase in its annual sewer operating revenues of \$8,000 (approximately 9.87%) and an increase in its annual water operating revenues of \$4,000 (approximately 3.36%). At the end of this Notice is a table that compares the Company's current residential customer rates and the proposed residential rates. The proposed rates and proposed amount of rate change reflect estimates based on the amount of the Company's requested increase only. The new rates and their effects on customers' bills have not yet been determined. The Commission will determine what it believes to be just and reasonable rates.

Pursuant to the Commission's Staff Assisted Rate Case Procedure, the Commission will hold a local public hearing regarding proposed changes to the customer rates and charges of the Company. The purpose of this local public hearing is to receive customer comments about the proposed changes to the Company's rates and charges, and to bring service-related problems to the Commission's attention.

The local public hearing will be held virtually April 21, 2022. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. with an informal question-and-answer session. Formal public comments to the Commission will begin immediately following the conclusion of the question-and-answer session.

To facilitate an orderly presentation that can be preserved for the record, members of the public who wish to participate in the hearing are requested to sign-up by sending their first and last names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses to pscinfo@psc.mo.gov, or by calling (800) 392-4211 by 5:00 p.m. the day before the hearing. When signing up, please reference File No. SR-2022-0239 (sewer rate case) or WR-2022-0240 (water rate case).

To attend the hearing by telephone, at the time of the hearing call 1-650-479-3207 (toll number), listen to the prompt, and enter meeting number (access code) 2450 892 1279, followed by # (pound/hashtag symbol). If prompted for a password, enter 2022. To attend by video/internet, visit the website at www.webex.com or download the Cisco WebEx Meetings application. At the hearing time, enter the corresponding access code and password listed above. Any person who needs additional accommodations to participate in the hearing should call the Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing. A live audio web stream will be available on the Commission's website, www.psc.mo.gov, during the hearing. Those who do not intend to participate in the hearing, but would like to hear the information presented may listen via the web stream.

To provide comments regarding the Company's revenue increase request, the proposed rates, or comments regarding quality of service, please contact the Commission Staff and/or the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) **within 30 days of the date shown on this notice**. Your comments should include a reference to case number SR-2022-0239 or WR-2022-0240. The Commission Staff and the Public Counsel will review all customer comments submitted in

response to this notice. All comments will be filed in the official case file for review by the Commissioners.

To submit your comments in writing or by telephone:

Public Service Commission	Office of the Public Counsel
Attn: Water/Sewer Dept.	
P.O. Box 360	P.O. Box 2230
Jefferson City, MO 65102	Jefferson City, MO 65102
Phone: 800-392-4211	Phone: 866-922-2959
Fax: 573-751-1847	Fax: 573-751-5562
E-Mail: watersewercomments@psc.mo.gov	E-Mail: opcservice@opc.mo.gov

To submit your comments via the Commission's Website:

- (1) Go to <http://www.psc.mo.gov>.
- (2) Click on the "Submit Comments" link under the "How Do I..." heading on the right top of the page.
- (3) From this page click on the "Submit comments" link found under "Submit Comments in Writing."
- (4) Fill out and submit the Public Comments form, including either or both of the case numbers shown above. If you want to attach a document, before clicking the "Submit" button, click the "Attach" button. There are instructions on that page for attaching the document and returning to the previous screen.
- (5) Click the "Submit" button at the bottom of the page.

Lastly, please be advised that all currently available information regarding the Company's rate increase request may be obtained via the Commission's website as follows. Please also note that this information will be updated as the case moves forward.

- * Go to <http://www.psc.mo.gov>.
- * In the menu column on the right side of the page click on "Access EFIS."
- * Under the "View Information on a Specific Case" heading, click on the "Docket Sheet" link.
- * From the Docket Sheet page, enter SR-2022-0239 or WR-2022-0240 in the Case Number Field and press the Enter key on your keyboard (this will bring up a page that contains all of the documents that have been filed in the case to date).
- * To view a particular document, click on the item number in the left column.
- * A second window will open. Click on the document link to view the document.

If you have any questions about this notice, or about anything else with which I may be of assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Rodney LaRose
573-517-1034

<u>Type of Charge</u>	<u>Current Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Rates</u>	<u>Proposed Amount of Rate Change</u>
Monthly Minimum Charge	\$27.01	\$27.01	\$0.00
Usage per 1,000 gallons	\$2.50	\$2.79	\$0.29
Total Monthly Bill*	\$39.51	\$40.96	\$1.45
Monthly Sewer Rate	\$47.87	\$52.09	\$4.22

*Assuming 5,000 gallons of usage per month