

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Lincoln County Utilities Co.'s)
Application to Sell Its Sewer/Treatment Facility)
to the Public Water Supply District No. 1 of)
Lincoln County, Missouri.)
Case No. SM-2006-0369

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE QUARTERLY STATUS REPORTS

Issue Date: September 11, 2007

Effective Date: September 11, 2007

On March 27, 2006, Lincoln County Utilities Co. (Lincoln Utilities) filed an application with the Commission requesting authority to sell its sewer/treatment facility to the Public Water Supply District No. 1 of Lincoln County, Missouri (the Water District). Lincoln Utilities is a small privately owned sewer system subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission and located in Bellflower, Missouri.

On March 31, 2006, the Commission issued an order adding the Water District as a party to this case, ordering notice sent to the appropriate government entities, officials and media, and setting April 20, 2006, as the deadline for any interested party to request intervention or a hearing. No party requested intervention or a hearing.

On April 24, 2006, the Commission issued its order directing Staff to file a recommendation by May 24, 2006.

On May 9, 2006, Staff filed a Status Report. In that report Staff informed the Commission it would be unable to file its recommendation in this docket by May 24th. The Staff stated that it will be unable to make its recommendation until it received finalized plans for upgrading and operating the facility from the Water District. The Staff noted that

the District needs engineering proposals before the plan can be finalized and there is currently no time frame in which to complete these engineering proposals.

Due to the significant amount of time required to acquire and process this case, Staff proposed filing monthly status reports, on or about the 10th of each month, until such time that a Staff recommendation can be filed. The Commission found Staff's proposal reasonable and directed Staff to file monthly status reports regarding the application, on or before the 15th of each month until such time that a Staff recommendation can be filed unless otherwise ordered by this Commission. The Staff has been timely filing monthly status reports since that time.

On September 10, 1007, Staff filed its Seventeenth Status Report in this case. Staff advised the Commission that it will likely take up to six additional months for the parties to provide Staff with the information it requires to make a recommendation regarding the proposed transfer. Based upon the significant amount of time required to acquire necessary information and finalize its recommendation, the Commission finds it is not an effective use of Staff's resources to continue filing monthly status reports in this case. The Commission shall order Staff to begin filing quarterly status reports in this case, on or about the 15th of the first month in the quarter.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Staff of the Commission shall not be required to file monthly status reports regarding Lincoln County Utilities Co.'s application.
2. Beginning in January of 2008, the Staff of the Commission shall file quarterly status reports regarding Lincoln County Utilities Co.'s application, on or before the

15th of January, April, July and October until such time that a Staff recommendation can be filed unless otherwise ordered by this Commission.

3. This order shall become effective on September 11, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION

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

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Cherlyn D. Voss, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 11th day of September, 2007.