

Suburban Water and Sewer Company Rate Increase Request Letter

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Secretary of the Commission
Missouri Public Service Commission
Attn: Cully Dale
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**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

RE: Request for Increase in Annual Water System Operating Revenues
MO PSC Small Utility Rate Case Procedure

Dear Secretary:

Suburban Water and Sewer Company (the Company) holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the Missouri Public Service Commission (the Commission), under which the Company provides water supply and distribution services in Boone County, Missouri. The Commission first authorized the Company to provide regulated water utility service in August, 1973. The Company currently provides service to approximately 104 water customers within its certificated service area under the provisions of its Commission-approved tariffs. The Company's customer rates for water service were last changed in June, 2005.

Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.050, the Commission's rule pertaining to rate increase requests made by qualifying small utilities, the Company is hereby requesting an increase of 119% in its annual water system operating revenues. Based upon current customer rates and customer numbers, this increase represents a change of approximately \$23,000.00 in the Company's annual water system operating revenues. The Company understands that the design of its customer rates, its service charges, its customer service practices, its general business practices and its general tariff provisions will also be reviewed during the Commission Staff's review of the rate increase request, and may thus be the subject of Staff recommendations at the conclusion of the rate increase process.

The specific reasons for the requested increase in the Company's annual operating revenues include: increases in utility plant investment; increases in operation and maintenance expenses; replacement of standpipe; increases to meet Department of Natural Resources requirements; etc.

Lastly, I wish to advise you that the Company is current on the payment of its Commission annual assessments all past and current assessments have been paid in full and the filing of its Commission annual reports. Additionally, the Company will remain current on these items during this small company rate increase procedure.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please contact me at your convenience if you need additional information regarding this request.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gordan Burman

Gordon Burnam
President

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