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Jeff and Melissa McLard, )  
Complainants, )  
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v. ) CASE NO. SC-97-339  
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Stoddard County Sewer Company, )  
Respondent. )

Jeff and Amy McClain,  
Complainants,  
  
v.  
  
Stoddard County Sewer Company,  
Respondent.

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CASE NO. SC-97-343

M. JoEllen Bell, )  
Complainant, )  
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v. ) CASE NO. SC-97-354  
 )  
Stoddard County Sewer Company, )  
Respondent. )

Denny and Sharon Putnam, )  
Complainants, )  
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v. ) CASE NO. SC-97-365  
 )  
Stoddard County Sewer Company, )  
Respondent. )

Steve and Bonnie Jones, )  
Complainants, )  
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v. ) CASE NO. SC-97-375  
 )  
Stoddard County Sewer Company, )  
Respondent. )

Philip Crow, )  
Complainant, )  
v. ) CASE NO. SC-97-386  
Stoddard County Sewer Company, )  
Respondent. )

Henry Avery, )  
Complainant, )  
v. ) CASE NO. SC-97-387  
Stoddard County Sewer Company, )  
Respondent. )

Earl Northington )  
Complainant, )  
v. ) CASE NO. SC-97-413  
Stoddard County Sewer Company, )  
Respondent. )

Billy and Brenda McClain, )  
Complainants, )  
v. ) CASE NO. SC-97-423  
Stoddard County Sewer Company, )  
Respondent. )

David Hankins, )  
Complainant, )  
v. ) CASE NO. SC-97-439  
Stoddard County Sewer Company, )  
Respondent. )

Dean and Stella Buck )  
Complainants, )  
v. ) CASE NO. SC-97-443  
Stoddard County Sewer Company, )  
Respondent. )

John A. Duley,	)	
Complainant,	)	
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v.	)	<u>CASE NO. SC-97-466</u>
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Stoddard County Sewer Company,	)	
Respondent.	)	

**ORDER CONSOLIDATING CASES AND EXTENDING FILING DATE**

On May 2, 1997, the Commission issued its Order Regarding Default in the first nine above-captioned formal complaint cases involving the Stoddard County Sewer Company (Respondent). The Commission directed the Water and Sewer Department Staff, along with the Office of General Counsel of the Missouri Public Service Commission, to investigate the allegations set forth in the first nine above-captioned complaint cases and to file a report by May 30 setting out its findings in these cases. Those cases were consolidated only for the purpose of Staff's investigation and report.

Staff filed its Motion to Consolidate Complaints and Extend filing date on May 28. Staff noted that after the Commission's Order Regarding Default, the time expired for Respondent to file an answer in each of the three remaining above-captioned complaint cases, and Respondent has not filed an answer in those cases. Staff requested that in the interest of administrative economy, the additional three cases should be consolidated with the nine initial cases for purposes of Staff's investigative report. Staff further requested that the Commission extend the filing date of the report from May 30 to June 6.

The Commission finds that Staff's Motion to Consolidate Complaints and Extend Filing Date is reasonable and should be granted. The Commission finds that for purposes of Staff's investigation and report, Case Nos. SC-97-439, SC-97-443 and SC-97-466 should be consolidated with

those nine cases already consolidated, and that the filing date for Staff's report should be extended from May 30 to June 6. These cases are consolidated only for the purpose of Staff's investigation and report.

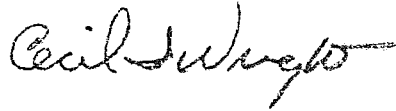
**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That Case Nos. SC-97-439, SC-97-443 and SC-97-466 are consolidated with Case Nos. SC-97-339, SC-97-343, SC-97-354, SC-97-365, SC-97-375, SC-97-386, SC-97-387, SC-97-413, and SC-97-423 for purposes of the investigation and report of the Water and Sewer Department Staff, along with the assistance of the Office of General Counsel of the Missouri Public Service Commission.

2. That the filing date of the investigation and report referenced in Ordered Paragraph 1 is extended from May 30, 1997, to June 6, 1997.

3. That this order shall become effective on June 6, 1997.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



**Cecil I. Wright  
Executive Secretary**

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Gregory T. George, Administrative  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1),  
(November 30, 1995) and Section 386.240,  
RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 4th day of June, 1997.