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STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 27th day of August, 1997.

In the Matter of Gladlo Water and Sewer)	
Company, Inc. Tariff Designed to Increase)	
Rates for Water Service Provided to)	CASE NO. WR-97-563
Customers in the Missouri Service Area)	
of the Company.)	

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

On January 27, 1997, Gladlo Water & Sewer Company (Company) requested an increase of annual water revenue by \$3,600 or 43% pursuant to the Missouri Public Service Commission's small company rate procedure. The Company serves approximately 62 water customers in the Whispering Pines Subdivision in Rolla, Missouri. The initial request would increase the quarterly water rate from \$12.80 to \$18.43 for each customer using 6,000 gallons of water per month. The Company filed a consent to extend the 150-day period to reach an agreement and file tariff sheets pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.200(1)(G). The Company filed a concurrent request to increase sewer revenue in Case No. SR-97-564.

The Commission's Staff filed a memorandum to the official case file on August 22, 1997. Staff states the customers were notified in writing on February 10 of the Company's initial request for a rate increase. Staff did not receive any customer response from the notice.

After investigating the Company's books, records, and operations, Staff determined that a rate increase of 11% is justified. Staff's memo stated it recommended this increase in order to provide for the cost of operating and maintaining the system. The Company agreed with

the Staff's proposal and filed its tariff sheets on June 27, with an effective date of September 1. The tariff sheets, 1st Revised Sheet Nos. 4 and 5, Canceling Original Sheet Nos. 4 and 5, provide for a monthly service charge of \$14.38 for each customer using 6,000 gallons of water per month.

The customers were notified in writing on or about June 15, 1997, of the proposed 11% rate increase. Staff did not receive any customer response from the notice. On August 19, 1997, the Office of the Public Counsel filed its consent to the proposed rate increase.

The Commission has reviewed the tariff sheets and the Staff's memorandum. The Commission finds that the rates under the tariff filing are just and reasonable and that the tariff filing is in the public interest. The Commission finds that the rate increase is necessary to cover the cost of operating and maintaining the system. Therefore, the Commission finds the tariff filing should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following tariff sheets filed by Gladlo Water & Sewer Company, on June 27, 1997, are approved for service rendered on and after September 1, 1997:

P.S.C. MO. No. 1

¹st Revised Sheet No. 4, Canceling Original Sheet No. 4.

¹st Revised Sheet No. 5, Canceling Original Sheet No. 5.

2. That this order shall become effective on September 1, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION

Cecil I. Wright

Executive Secretary

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Lumpe, Ch., Crumpton, Murray, and Drainer, CC., concur.

ALJ: George