

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Middle Fork Water)
Company for an Order Initiating an Investigation)
to Ascertain the Value of the Company's Property) **Case No. WO-2007-0266**
Devoted to the Public Service)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: September 25, 2007

Effective Date: September 25, 2007

On January 12, 2007,¹ Middle Fork Water Company ("Middle Fork") filed an application requesting that the Missouri Public Service Commission commence an investigation into three issues specified therein. On March 20, the Commission issued an order dismissing two of the three issues raised by Middle Fork for failure to state a claim upon which relief could be granted by the Commission. No party filed a request for reconsideration of that order, and it went into effect on March 30.

By order dated August 22, the Commission directed the parties to file a pleading updating the Commission on the status of the remaining portion of the case on or before September 6. On September 7, the parties filed such a pleading,² in which they informed the Commission that although some relevant information had been gathered and work had begun, Staff needed additional time and a visit to Middle Fork's offices before it could attempt to ascertain the value of Middle Fork's current investment in plant devoted to the

¹ Unless otherwise specified, all dates refer to the year 2007.

² As explained in the pleading itself, the one-day delay in filing was the result of a calendaring error by Staff. The Commission grants the parties' request for leave to late-file the pleading. See Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.050(3)(B).

public service.³ The parties further indicated that Staff would, by no later than September 21, either: (1) complete its determination of the value of Middle Fork's plant in service and submit another pleading regarding that determination; or (2) file a status report stating when it would file such a pleading.

On September 21, Staff filed a Status Report in which Staff stated that it needed another 60 days to complete its work in determining the value of Middle Fork's current investment in plant devoted to the public service. Therefore, Staff requested that it be permitted to submit its pleading regarding that issue by no later than November 20.

The Commission finds Staff's request to be reasonable and will grant it. Accordingly, the Commission will order Staff to file its pleading regarding the value of Middle Fork's plant in service by no later than November 20, 2007.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. On or before November 20, 2007, Staff shall file an appropriate pleading regarding the results of its investigation into the proper amortization of Middle Fork Water Company's Contributions In Aid of Construction, its determination of the corresponding CIAC balance, and the value of Middle Fork's current investment in plant devoted to the public service.

³ According to Staff, to properly compute that valuation, Staff must also determine the proper amortization of Middle Fork's Contributions In Aid of Construction (CIAC), as well as the corresponding CIAC balance.

2. This order shall become effective on September 25, 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

(S E A L)

Benjamin H. Lane, Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
Under Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 25th day of September, 2007.