

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Elm Hills Utility Operating Company, Inc.'s Request for a Water and Sewer Rate Increase)	<u>File No. WR-2020-0275</u>
)	Tariff Nos. YS-2021-0149 and
)	YW-2021-0148

STATUS RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TARIFF SHEETS

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through the undersigned counsel, and for its *Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheets* respectfully states:

1. Elm Hills Utility Operating Company, Inc. (“Elm Hills”) and the Office of the Public Counsel (“OPC”) filed a *Nonunanimous Disposition Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Utility Company Revenue Increase Request* (“Agreement”) in this matter on December 14, 2020.

2. Staff filed its *Notice of Non-Opposition* to the Agreement that same day.

3. On December 30, 2020, the Commission issued its *Order Approving Second Disposition Agreement and Small Company Rate Increase* (“Order”), in which the Commission ordered Elm Hills to file tariffs in compliance with the Agreement.

4. Elm Hills filed two revised tariff books, one for its water operations under Tariff No. YW-2021-0148, and one for its sewer operations under Tariff No. YS-2021-0149, on January 28, 2021. Both tariff books have a proposed effective date of February 27, 2021.

5. The Commission ordered Staff to review these proposed tariff books and provide a recommendation no later than February 11, 2021.

6. After Staff concluded its initial review, issues with the formatting in the water tariff book, and issues with the legal description and titles in the sewer tariff book, were identified.

7. Following discussions between Staff and Elm Hills, substitute tariffs were filed on February 8, 2021, with an effective date of February 27, 2021, to correct formatting concerns in the water tariff book:

P.S.C. MO. No. 3

- Original Sheet No. 4
- Original Sheet No. 5
- Original Sheet No. 6
- Original Sheet No. 10
- Original Sheet No. 11

8. The following substitute tariffs were also filed on February 8, 2021, with an effective date of February 27, 2021, to correct service area legal descriptions and titles in the sewer tariff book:

P.S.C. MO. No. 4

- Original Sheet No. 13
- Original Sheet No. 14
- Original Sheet No. 15
- Original Sheet No. 19
- Original Sheet No. 23

9. Having finished its review, Staff recommends that the Commission approve the substitute tariffs as filed on February 8, 2021, with an effective date of February 27, 2021.

10. Staff further recommends that the Commission approve the following revised water tariff sheets filed on January 28, 2021, with an effective date of February 27, 2021:

P.S.C. MO. No. 3

Original Sheet Nos. 1-3

Original Sheet Nos. 7-9

Original Sheet Nos. 12-35

11. Staff also recommends that the Commission approve the following revised sewer tariff sheets as filed on January 28, 2021, with an effective date of February 27, 2021:

P.S.C. MO. No. 4

Original Sheet Nos. 1-12

Original Sheet Nos. 16-18

Original Sheet Nos. 20-22

Original Sheet Nos. 24-64

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheets outlined herein, bearing an effective date of February 27, 2021; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just under the circumstances.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all parties and/or their counsel of record on this 10th day of February, 2021.

/s/ Travis J. Pringle

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AFFIDAVIT OF CURT B. GATELEY

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW Curt B. Gateley and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheets*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief, under penalty of perjury.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

/s/ Curt B. Gateley
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