OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of S.K. & M. Water and Sewer Company's Rate Increase Request

Case No. WR-2007-0460

Tariff No. YW-2007-0864

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE DISPOSITION AGREEMENT AND ESTABLISHING TIME FOR RESPONSES

Issue Date: June 6, 2007

Effective Date: June 6, 2007

On June 1, 2007, S.K. & M. Water and Sewer Company ("S.K. & M.") filed revised tariff sheets, effective July 16, 2007, to implement a small water company rate increase pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.635. In addition to the tariffs, S.K. & M. sent a cover letter stating that S.K. & M. and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission had executed an Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Company Rate Increase Request ("Disposition Agreement"). The letter further states that Staff will file the agreement. The Commission will therefore order Staff to file the agreement and a pleading regarding the agreement and tariffs.

This case arises from S.K. & M.'s October 19, 2006 letter to the Commission. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.635(1)(F) states that a company filing a letter that asks for a small water company increase must reach an agreement with Staff and file tariffs within 150 days of the date of the letter. That same rule allows the company to consent to more time to reach an agreement with Staff. Two-hundred and twenty-five days passed since S.K. & M. filed its letter initiating this case and June 1, 2007, the date S.K. & M. indicates

that agreement has been reached and the date on which S.K. & M. filed its tariff revisions. S.K. & M. has complied with the Commission's rules and has filed two letters granting consent to extend the 150-day deadline, the last consent being executed on May 22, 2007 that allowed for filing the requisite tariff revisions on June 1, 2007.

Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.635(D), because the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") has not entered the Disposition Agreement, it shall file a pleading indicating its agreement or disagreement with the tariff sheets within twenty-five days of the tariff filing, i.e. June 25, 2007, unless a public hearing is requested. Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.635(E), the deadline for OPC to file a request for a local public hearing is June 20, 2007.

## IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file the parties' Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Company Rate Increase Request and a Recommendation no later than June 14, 2007.
- 2. The Office of the Public Counsel shall file a pleading indicating its agreement or disagreement with the Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Company Rate Increase Request or a request for a local public hearing as directed in the body of this order.

3. This order shall become effective on June 6, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

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Harold Stearley, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 6th day of June, 2007.