

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office in  
Jefferson City on the 30th day  
of April, 2008.

In the Matter of the Small Company Rate	)	
Increase Request of Spokane Highlands	)	<b><u>Case No. WR-2008-0314</u></b>
Water Company	)	Tariff No. YW-2008-0648

**ORDER APPROVING AGREEMENT REGARDING  
DISPOSITION OF SMALL COMPANY RATE  
INCREASE REQUEST AND APPROVING TARIFF**

Issue Date: April 30, 2008

Effective Date: May 7, 2008

**Syllabus:** This order approves the agreement among the Staff of the Commission, the Office of the Public Counsel, and Spokane Highlands Water Company.

**Procedural History**

On November 14, 2007, Spokane Highlands initiated a small company rate increase under Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.635. It asked for a rate increase intended to generate an additional \$10,000 in annual water service operating revenues. Spokane Highlands serves approximately 50 residential customers in Christian County.

On April 3, 2008, after working with the Commission's Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel, Spokane Highlands filed a tariff designed to increase its rate for water service, and an accompanying request for a rate increase. Spokane Highlands stated that an *Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Company Rate Increase Request* would be

forthcoming, which Staff filed on April 15. That agreement, which is among Spokane Highlands, Staff, and the Office of the Public Counsel, stated that the parties agreed Spokane Highlands should be allowed to file tariffs intended to produce an annual increase of \$2,807 in its water revenues. The agreement further stated that Staff would file a Recommendation no later than April 30. Attachment E of the Agreement states that a customer's bill would increase approximately \$5.06 per month.

### **Staff Recommendation**

On April 28, Staff recommended that the Commission approve the tariff, the disposition agreement, and the depreciation rates attached to the agreement. Staff remarked that its agreement with Spokane Highlands and OPC is evidence that the rates and charges contained in the tariff revisions are just and reasonable.

### **Decision**

The Commission finds the agreement among Staff, Public Counsel, and Spokane Highlands to be reasonable, and will approve the agreement. Also, the Commission finds the tariff sheets to be reasonable, and will approve them. Furthermore, the Commission finds the depreciation rates that Staff proposed to be reasonable, and will approve them.

### **IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Company Rate Increase Request is approved.
2. The parties shall comply with the agreement.

3. The following tariff sheets filed by Spokane Highlands Water Company, and assigned Tariff File No. YW-2008-0648, are approved for service on and after May 7, 2008:

**P.S.C. MO No. 1**

2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 4, Canceling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 4  
2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. 5, Canceling 1<sup>st</sup> Revised Sheet No. 5

4. The Depreciation Schedule in Attachment F to the Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Company Rate Increase Request is approved.

5. This order shall become effective on May 7, 2008.

6. This case shall be closed on May 8, 2008.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Davis, Chm., Murray, Clayton,  
Jarrett, and Gunn, CC., concur.

Pridgin, Regulatory Law Judge