

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

In the Matter of Osage Water Company Small)	<u>File No. WR-2009-0149, et al</u>
Company Rate Increase.)	Tariff Nos. YW-2009-0830 and
)	YS-2009-0827

STAFF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING TARIFF FILING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and for its *Recommendation Regarding Tariff Filing* states the following to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission):

1. On October 23, 2008, the Commission received a Rate Increase Request Letter from Osage Water Company, Inc. (Osage or Company), requesting the Commission allow a 100% increase to its rates currently charged for water and sewer services.

2. On August 3, 2009, Staff, Osage, and the Office of Public Counsel (OPC) filed two separate Notice of Unanimous Agreement (collectively Unanimous Agreements) for both the small water company and small sewer company revenue increase request.

3. On August 12, 2009, the Commission issued its *Order Approving Unanimous Disposition Agreements and Authorizing Tariff Filings* (Order) approving the two Unanimous Agreements and authorizing Osage to file tariffs in compliance with the terms thereof.

4. On August 20, 2009, Osage filed revised tariff sheets with an effective date of September 19, 2009, designated tracking nos. YW-2010-0097 and YS-2010-0096 respectively.

5. James M. Russo, Rate and Tariff Examination Supervisor, has examined Osage's revised tariff sheets designated YW-2010-0097, P.S.C. MO No. 1, 4th Revised Sheet No. 5, Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 5 and P.S.C. MO No. 1, 3rd Revised Sheet No. 6, Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 6, and notes that the tariff revisions reflect the agreed-upon rate increase and

comply with the Commission's Order, and therefore should be allowed to take effect no later than September 19, 2009. See *Russo Affidavit*, attached hereto.

6. James M. Russo, Rate and Tariff Examination Supervisor, has examined Osage's revised tariff sheets designated YS-2010-0096, P.S.C. MO No. 1, 2nd Revised Sheet No. 10, Canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. 10 and P.S.C. MO No. 1, 1st Revised Sheet No. 11, Canceling Original Sheet No. 11, and notes that the tariff revisions reflect the agreed-upon rate increase and comply with the Commission's Order, and therefore should be allowed to take effect no later than September 19, 2009. See *Russo Affidavit*, attached hereto.

7. The Commission has the authority to approve the subject proposed tariff revisions in accordance with Sections 393.140 (11) and 393.150 RSMo (2000).

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully recommends the Commission issue an order approving the following proposed revised tariff sheets currently pending under assigned no.

1) YW-2010-0083, to be effective no later than September 19, 2009:

P.S.C. MO No. 1, 4th Revised Sheet No. 5, Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 5 and

P.S.C. MO No. 1, 3rd Revised Sheet No. 6, Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 6; and

2) YS-2010-0096, to be effective no later than September 19, 2009:

P.S.C. MO No. 1, 2nd Revised Sheet No. 10, Canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. 10 and

P.S.C. MO No. 1, 1st Revised Sheet No. 11, Canceling Original Sheet No. 11.

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 counsel of record this 14th day of September 2009.

/s/ **Shelley Syler Brueggemann**

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AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES M. RUSSO

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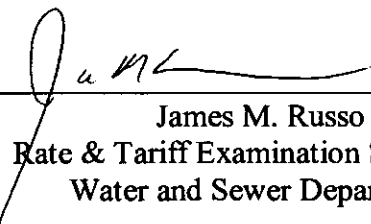
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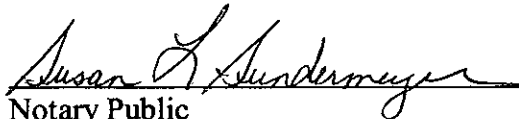
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COMES NOW James M. Russo, being of lawful age, and on his oath states the following: (1) that he is the Rate and Tariff Examination Supervisor of the Missouri Public Service Commission's Water & Sewer Department; (2) that he reviewed and examined the revised tariff sheets filed by Osage Water Company on August 20, 2009; (3) that he has knowledge of the matters set forth in the forgoing tariff sheets; (4) that the matters set forth in the foregoing tariff sheets are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief; and (5) that to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, the revised tariff sheets comply with the Missouri Public Service Commission's *Order Approving Unanimous Disposition Agreement and Authorizing Tariff Filing* issued August 12, 2009 and effective August 22, 2009.



James M. Russo
Rate & Tariff Examination Supervisor
Water and Sewer Department

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of September, 2009.



Notary Public



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