

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office in  
Jefferson City on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of  
June, 2017.

In The Matter of Ridge Creek Water Company, LLC's )  
Application to Implement a General Rate Increase in )  
Water Service )

**File No. WR-2017-0042**  
Tariff No. YW-2017-0267

**ORDER APPROVING SMALL COMPANY RATE INCREASE AND  
APPROVING TARIFF**

Issue Date: June 28, 2017

Effective Date: July 8, 2017

This order approves the Disposition Agreement between the Staff of the Commission, the Office of the Public Counsel, and Ridge Creek Water Company, LLC. It also approves a tariff implementing the agreed-upon rate increase.

On November 14, 2016, Ridge Creek Water initiated a small company rate increase request under Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050 seeking an increase in its annual water service operating revenues. The company provides retail water service to approximately 138 customers in Pulaski County, Missouri. In response to Ridge Creek Water's request, the Commission's Staff audited the company's books and records, reviewed the company's existing tariff, inspected the company's facilities, and reviewed the company's operation of those facilities. In addition, effective on May 13, 2017, the Commission appointed Terry Jarrett as interim receiver for Ridge Creek Water.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *In the Matter of the Petition for an Interim Receiver and for an Order Directing the General Counsel to Petition the Circuit Court for the Appointment of a Receiver for Ridge Creek Water Company, LLC, and for Ridge Creek Development, LLC, Report and Order, File No. WO-2017-0236 (May 3, 2017)*

On June 12, 2017, Staff, Public Counsel and Ridge Creek Water filed a Total Disposition Agreement to resolve all issues between them. The disposition agreement provides for a revenue increase of \$52,925, amounting to an increase of 81.28 percent. The agreement also establishes a net rate base of \$87,611. The agreement provides that the new rates are to go into effect on August 1, 2017. Ridge Creek Water has filed a proposed tariff to implement the terms of its disposition agreement with Staff.

The Commission has authority to accept a disposition agreement as offered by the parties pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.050(25). The requirement for a hearing is met when the opportunity for hearing has been provided and no proper party has requested the opportunity to present evidence.<sup>2</sup> Since no one has requested a hearing, the Commission may grant the relief requested based on the disposition agreement.

The Commission independently finds and concludes that the unanimous disposition agreement is reasonable and should be approved. Furthermore, Ridge Creek Water's proposed tariff and the rates it establishes are just and reasonable and will be approved.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Disposition Agreement concerning Ridge Creek Water Company, LLC's request for a rate increase is approved.
2. Ridge Creek Water Company, LLC; the Commission's Staff; and the Office of the Public Counsel shall comply with the terms of the Disposition Agreement.
3. Tariff No. YW-2017-0267, filed by Ridge Creek Water Company, LLC, is approved for service on and after August 1, 2017. The tariff approved is:

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<sup>2</sup> *State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission*, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. 1989).

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4. This order shall become effective on July 8, 2017.
5. This file shall be closed on July 9, 2017.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney, Rupp, and  
Coleman, CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge

**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.**

**WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 2017.**



  
**Morris L. Woodruff**  
**Secretary**

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***Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).***

***Sincerely,***



**Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary**

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