

RATE INCREASE REQUEST LETTER – SEWER SERVICE

September 01, 2006

Secretary of the Commission
Missouri Public Service Commission
Attn: Data Center
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RE: Request for Increase in Annual Sewer System Operating Revenues
MO PSC Sewer Utility Small Company Rate Increase Procedure

Dear Secretary:

West 16th Sewer Company holds a certificate of public convenience and necessity granted by the Missouri Public Service Commission, under which the Company provides sewer collection and treatment services in Pettis County, Missouri. The Commission first authorized the Company to provide regulated sewer utility service in May 30, 1991. The company currently provides service to approximately 162 sewer customers within its certificated service area under the provisions of its Commission-approved tariffs. The Company's customer rates for sewer service are currently the same as those established when the Commission first authorized the Company to provide it regulated utility services.

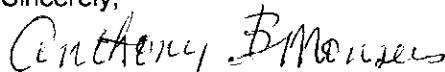
Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-3.330, the Commission's rule pertaining to rate increase requests made by small sewer utilities, the Company is hereby requesting an increase of \$34,992.00 in its annual sewer operating revenues. Based upon current customer rates and customer numbers, this increase represents a change of approximately 100% in the Company's annual sewer system operating revenues. The Company understands that the design of its customer rates, its service charges, its customer service practices, its general business practices and its general tariff provisions will also be reviewed during the Commission Staff's review of the rate increase request, and may thus be the subject of Staff recommendations at the conclusion of the rate increase process.

The specific reasons for the requested increase in the Company's annual operating revenues include: increase in utility plant investment; increase in operation and maintenance expenses; increase in the Commission's annual utility assessments; increase in the Department of Natural Resources' annual sewer discharge permit fees.

Lastly, I wish to advise you that the Company is current on the payment of its Commission annual assessments all past assessments have been paid in full and the current assessment is being paid quarterly and the filing of its Commission annual reports. Additionally, the Company will remain current on these items during this small company rate increase procedure.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Please contact me at your convenience if you need additional information regarding this request.

Sincerely,



Anthony B. Monsees
President

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