

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 18th day
of September, 2019.

In the Matter of an Investigation into the Operations and)
Condition of Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a)
RDE Water Company)

File No. WO-2019-0247

NOTICE ACCEPTING REPORT AND CLOSING FILE

Issue Date: September 18, 2019

The Commission opened this file on February 27, 2019, at the request of its Staff to facilitate Staff's investigation into the operation and condition of Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a RDE Water Company (RDE). RDE is a public utility providing water service to approximately 1,138 customers in the Nixa, Missouri area.

In requesting this investigation be opened, Staff's explained its concern about RDE's repeated failure to comply with Commission statutes and regulations, and its inability or unwillingness to respond to Commission orders. Staff intended to investigate RDE and would report its findings to the Commission.

Staff filed a report regarding the results of its investigation on August 30, 2019. Staff concludes that RDE has failed to demonstrate that it is either willing or able to ensure safe and adequate service to its customers, and recommends RDE's assets be placed under the control and responsibility of a receiver pursuant to Section 393.145, RSMo, 2016. Staff advises the Commission to direct the receiver to transfer or sell RDE's assets

to a company capable of operating the utility in compliance with Commission statutes and regulations.

As the Commission indicated in its order opening this investigation, this is only a fact-finding investigation and is not a contested case. The Commission will not take any action regarding RDE within the confines of this investigation. If Staff believes that Commission action is needed as a result of the investigation, it may file a formal complaint or other appropriate pleading within a new file to institute contested case procedures.

Since Staff's investigation is now complete, the Commission will close this file and await further action by Staff in an appropriate case.

BY THE COMMISSION



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

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Kenney, Hall, 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 18th day of September 2019.




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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