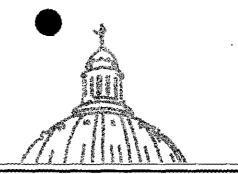
## Capital Utilities, Inc.

P.O. Box 7017 Jefferson City, MO 65102 (573) 634-2699



October 11, 1999

Secretary of the Public Service Commission P.O. Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

Re: Case No. SC-2000-256

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Missouri Public Service Commission

To Whom It May Concern:

On June 29, 1999, our serviceman spoke with a gentleman working on the house at 2516 Rosebud Circle, Sedalia, MO 65301. The man identified himself as James, and that he was a construction worker hired to work on the home. He asked our serviceman to leave the water on and that he would have the owner contact us to have it put in their name. The construction worker did not reveal to our serviceman the name of the owner of the house. Our serviceman was there to disconnect the service for non-payment of the utility bill, under the name of Donald Bauer. We did not hear from anyone for service on this location, so the location was turned off. On July 27, 1999, our serviceman made a check of the meter at 2516 Rosebud Circle and found that the water meter had been turned back on by someone other than an employee of our Company. He found that a Linda Myers had moved into the residence, but had not notified our office. Our serviceman indicated to her that the water would need to be shut off until the proper procedures were followed. Linda Myers then notified our office, she indicated to the billing clerk that she had been there since July 20, 1999. Linda Myers then provided the correct information to the billing clerk and the turn on was set up. Linda Myers was turned on July 27, 1999.

Our billing clerk was then notified by Loretta Hannneman about the house on 2516 Rosebud Circle. She identified herself and her husband Herbert Hanneman as the owners of the property. Mrs. Hanneman indicated that she was going to rent the property and wanted the utilities to be turned on. Mrs. Hanneman indicated to our billing clerk that we had denied her renter water service. Mrs. Hanneman was informed that her renter, Linda Myers had not notified our office that she had moved in on July 20, 1999. We found out on shut off day that some one had moved in to the location and that some how the meter had got turned on. Linda Myers did not notify us until a serviceman went to the location on July 27, 1999. Mrs. Hanneman was informed that Linda Myers now had water service. Our billing clerk informed Mrs. Hanneman that Donald Bauer had left an unpaid balance. Our billing clerk was under the impression that Mr. Bauer had owned the home. Mrs. Hanneman informed our billing clerk that her and her husband owned the home and that Mr. Bauer had been a renter. The billing clerk then informed Mrs. Hanneman that the unpaid balance needed to be paid. After consulting with a supervisor the billing clerk was informed that the sewer portion was all that could be collected from the owner. Our billing clerk then notified the Hanneman's that they would need to pay the sewer portion of the bill.

Herbert Hanneman called our office on July 30, 1999, he indicated that he needed some type of detailed billing showing all of the charges for water and sewer. See attached the detailed billing that was typed for Mr. Hanneman and mailed to him. As you can see, the total due is the sewer charges only of \$124.49. As noted the on bill, sewer charges are \$89.49 and sewer penalty is \$35.00 for the total sewer due of \$124.49. In accordance, with our tariff the penalty charges only apply to the sewer charges. Mr. Hanneman was the one who asked that the water charges also be detailed on the bill so that he could collect from Mr. Bauer.

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That is why the total due on the bill only includes sewer charges. We are not trying to collect the water portion from him. Mr. Hanneman indicated to our billing clerk this was fine and that he would pay her the sewer portion. As of toady's date, Mr. and Mrs. Hanneman have not paid the sewer portion of this bill.

Capital Utilities, Inc. is asking for Mediation in this case. Attached are documents from our files and computer system that indicate what we have based our information on. If we may be further assistance please do not hesitate to contact our office at 573-634-2699.

Sincerely

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