## **JEFFERSON CITY CUSTOMER NOTICE**

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Aqua Missouri, Inc. (Aqua) submitted a request on December 7, 2007 for permanent increases in its current sewer rates for Jefferson City Area to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission), under the provisions\_of the Commission's small company rate increase procedure.

By its request, Aqua is seeking increases in its customer rates intended to generate an increase in its annual sewer operating revenues of \$700,892 (128.75 percent). This increase in operating revenue is necessary due to increases in operating expenses and more than \$1.2 million (approximately \$700 per customer) the company has invested in capital improvements since early 2005 to improve water quality and maintain compliance with wastewater regulations. Included in that investment are sewer main replacements, the rehabilitation of multiple lift stations, upgrades to several treatment facilities including new control panels, and pump, motor and blower replacements. In its request, the Company recognizes that the Commission might require changes to its general business practices, customer service practices and general tariff provisions, and the design of its customer rates. At the end of this notice is a table that includes a comparison of the Company's current monthly flat rates and the proposed monthly flat rates, which would increase by \$35.73 to adequately recover capital and operating expenses.

In the near future, the Staff of the Public Service Commission (Commission Staff) will conduct an independent audit of the Company's books and records, and an investigation of the Company's business and system operations. Based upon that audit and investigation, the Commission Staff will develop its positions regarding the Company's requested increase in its annual operating revenues. Additionally, the Commission Staff will develop positions regarding the need for changes in the Company's service charges, connection fees, general tariff provisions, business operations and system operations, and in the design of the Company's customer rates.

The Office of the Public Counsel (OPC), a state agency responsible for representing the interests of utility consumers before the Commission, may also conduct its own audit and investigation, but at a minimum will review the results of the Commission Staff's audit and investigation.

Any customer who has questions or comments regarding the Company's rate increase request, or who has comments regarding recent service-related problems, should contact the Commission Staff and/or the OPC, within 30 days of the date of this notice. To do so, please use the mailing addresses, telephone numbers, fax numbers or e-mail addresses shown below, and please also include a reference to request number QS-2008-0005. As a part of their investigations into the Company's rate increase request, the Commission Staff and the OPC will review all customer comments they receive in response to this notice.

**Public Service Commission** 

Attn: Water/Sewer Dept.

P.O. Box 360

Jefferson City, MO 65102 Phone: 800-392-4211

Fax: 573-751-1847

E-Mail: water.sewer@psc.mo.gov

Office of the Public Counsel

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Upon completion of the Commission Staff's and the OPC's investigations, the Company may be required to send out a second customer notice regarding the results of the investigations. Additionally, the OPC may request that the Commission hold a local public hearing. However, neither a second customer notice nor a local public hearing will happen automatically. Therefore, please take the time now to express your views about the Company's rate increase request, and its business and system operations, to the Commission Staff and the OPC.

Regardless of whether the Company sends out a second customer notice, or whether a local public hearing is eventually held, no increase in rates will take effect without the specific approval of the Public Service Commission.

If you have questions about this notice, or about anything else with which the Company may be of assistance, please feel free to contact Aqua at 877.WTR.AQUA (877.987.2782).

Jefferson City Sewer

Type of Charge	<b>Current Rates</b>	Rates Increased by 128.75%
Monthly Flat Rate-Residential	\$27.75	\$63.48
Monthly flat rate-Mobile Homes within a park and Multi-family	\$23.58	\$53.94
Monthly Commercial and Industrial- first 7,000 gallons	\$27.75	\$63.48
Commercial and Industrial- usage over 7,000 gallons, per 1,000 gallons	\$3.965	\$9.070

#### **MAPLEWOOD CUSTOMER NOTICE**

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Aqua Missouri, Inc. (Aqua) submitted a request on December 7, 2007 for permanent increases in its current water and sewer rates for Maplewood to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission), under the provisions of the Commission's small company rate increase procedure.

By its request, Aqua is seeking increases in its customer rates intended to generate an increase in its annual water operating revenues of \$63,331 (50.45 percent) and its sewer operating revenues of \$43,290 (35.74 percent) respectively. These increases in operating revenue are necessary due to increases in operating expenses and more than \$182,000 and \$143,500 the company has invested in capital improvements in its water and sewer systems respectively since early 2005 to improve water quality and maintain compliance with environmental regulations. Included in that investment are meter and valve replacements in the water system and main replacements and lagoon rehabilitation in the wastewater system. In its request, the Company recognizes that the Commission might require changes to its general business practices, customer service practices and general tariff provisions, and the design of its customer rates. At the end of this notice is a table that includes a comparison of the Company's current and proposed rates based upon an assumed monthly water usage of 5,000 gallons. The proposed water rates would increase by \$8.05 per month and the proposed sewer rates would increase by \$7.43 per month to adequately recover capital and operating expenses.

In the near future, the Staff of the Public Service Commission (Commission Staff) will conduct an independent audit of the Company's books and records, and an investigation of the Company's business and system operations. Based upon that audit and investigation, the Commission Staff will develop its positions regarding the Company's requested increases in its annual operating revenues. Additionally, the Commission Staff will develop positions regarding the need for changes in the Company's service charges, connection fees, general tariff provisions, business operations and system operations, and in the design of the Company's customer rates.

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Any customer who has questions or comments regarding the Company's rate increase request, or who has comments regarding recent service-related problems, should contact the Commission Staff and/or the OPC, within 30 days of the date of this notice. To do so, please use the mailing addresses, telephone numbers, fax numbers or e-mail addresses shown below, and please also include a reference to request number(s) **QW-2008-0004 and QS-2008-0005**. As a part of their investigations into the Company's rate increase request, the Commission Staff and the OPC will review all customer comments they receive in response to this notice.

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### Maplewood -Water

Type of Charge	Current Rates	Rates Increased by 50.45%
Monthly Minimum Charge (includes no usage) for 5/8 inch meter	\$4.61	\$6.94
Residential Usage, per 1,000 gallons Commercial and industrial	\$2.268	\$3.412
usage, per 1,000 gallons	\$3.61	\$5.43
Total Residential Monthly Bill (at 5,000 gallons usage)	\$15.95	\$24.00

Type of Charge	Current Rates	Rates Increased by 35.74%
Monthly Minimum Charge (includes no gallons)	\$4.15	\$5.63
Usage in gallons (per 1,000 gallons)	\$3.33	\$4.52
Total Monthly Bill (at 5,000 gallons usage)	\$20.80	\$28.23

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### **LAKE CARMEL CUSTOMER NOTICE**

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Aqua Missouri, Inc. (Aqua) submitted a request on December 7, 2007 for permanent increases in its current water and sewer rates for Lake Carmel to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission), under the provisions of the Commission's small company rate increase procedure.

By its request, Aqua is seeking increases in its customer rates intended to generate an increase in its annual water operating revenues of \$63,331 (50.45 percent) and its sewer operating revenues of \$700,892 (128.75 percent) respectively. These increases in operating revenue are necessary due to increases in operating expenses and more than \$182,000 and \$1.2 million the company has invested in capital improvements in its water and sewer systems respectively since early 2005 to improve water quality and maintain compliance with environmental regulations. Included in that investment are meter and valve replacements in the water system and sewer main replacements, the rehabilitation of multiple lift stations, upgrades to several treatment facilities including new control panels, and pump, motor and blower replacements. In its request, the Company recognizes that the Commission might require changes to its general business practices, customer service practices and general tariff provisions, and the design of its customer rates. At the end of this notice is a table that includes a comparison of the Company's current and proposed monthly rates, which would increase by \$8.05 for water and \$35.73 for sewer, to adequately recover capital and operating expenses.

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# Lake Carmel -Water

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Monthly Minimum Charge (includes no usage) for 5/8 inch meter	\$4.61	\$6.94
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Lake Carmel - Sewer

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