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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of St. Louis County Water)
Company's Tariff Designed to Increase)
Rates for Water Service to Customers)
in the Company's Service Area.) **Case No. WR-97-382**

ORDER ESTABLISHING TRUE-UP AUDIT AND HEARING

On May 1, 1997, St. Louis County Water Company (Company) recommended that the Commission set a true-up audit through November 30, 1997 and that the Commission convene a true-up hearing prior to February 12, 1998 (operation of law date). By order issued June 6, 1997, the Commission established the test year in this case as the twelve months ending December 31, 1996, as updated through June 30, 1997. On September 2 the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) recommended that the Commission order a true-up of all significant items relating to revenue, expense, capital structure and rate base occurring on or prior to November 30, 1997, and schedule a true-up hearing on January 8, 1998.

The Commission determines that there shall be a true-up audit of all significant items relating to revenue, expense, capital structure and rate base occurring on or prior to November 30, 1997, and the Commission shall convene a true-up hearing on January 9, 1998, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That there shall be a true-up audit of all significant items relating to revenue, expense, capital structure and rate base occurring on or prior to November 30, 1997.

2. That the Commission shall convene a true-up hearing on January 9, 1998, commencing at 10:00 a.m. The true-up hearing will be held in the Commission's hearing room on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. Any person with special needs as addressed by the American with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline -- 1-800-392-4211, or TDD Hotline -- 1-800-829-7541.

3. That this order shall become effective on September 17, 1997.

BY THE COMMISSION



**Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary**

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Thomas H. Luckenbill, Deputy Chief
Administrative Law Judge, by delegation
of authority pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.120(1),
(November 30, 1995) and Section 386.240,
RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 17th day of September, 1997.