

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 5th
day of March, 1996.

In the matter of Ozark Mountain Water	)	
Company's tariff revision designed to	)	
increase rates for water service	)	Case No. <u>WR-96-237</u>
pursuant to the Commission's informal	)	
rate procedure.	)	

ORDER APPROVING TARIFF

Pursuant to the Commission's informal rate procedure, Ozark Mountain Water Company (Ozark) filed a tariff designed to increase its current annual revenue by \$8,237.00, or 15%.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) completed an audit of the books, records, and operations of Ozark and filed its recommendation on February 29, 1996. The Staff recommends approval of the proposed increase, as reflected in Ozark's tariff filing of January 25, 1996. The Staff states that a typical customer using 3000 gallons per month will experience an increase in cost from \$11.61 per month to \$14.11 per month.

The Staff recommendation reflects agreement on the proposed increase by Ozark, the Staff, and the Office of the Public Counsel. The Staff recommendation also states that notice was given on two separate occasions to the customers of Ozark. The Staff received three responses complaining that the original proposed increase was excessive. After audit and filing

of the agreed-upon tariff, reflecting a lower increase, the Staff received two adverse responses as a result of the second notice.

As all parties have agreed to the proposed increase as reflected in the tariff filing of January 25, 1996, the Commission finds that no public hearing is necessary in this matter.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff and accompanying audit information and Staff recommendation and finds the proposed increase in annual revenue is reasonable and in the public interest. The Commission will, therefore, approve the proposed tariff for service on or after March 13, 1996.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following tariff, filed January 25, 1996, by Ozark Mountain Water Company, is hereby approved for service on or after March 13, 1996:

P.S.C. Mo. No. 1

5th Revised Sheet No. 1 cancelling 4th Revised Sheet No. 1

2. That this order shall become effective on March 13, 1996.

BY THE COMMISSION



David L. Rauch
Executive Secretary

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Zobrist, Chm., McClure,
Crumpton, and Drainer, CC., Concur.
Kincheloe, C., Absent.