

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 11th day of December, 2008.

In the Matter of WPC Sewer Company's) **Case No. SR-2008-0388**
Small Company Rate Increase) **Tariff No. YS-2009-0334**

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF

Issue Date December 11, 2008

Effective Date: December 11, 2008

Syllabus: This order suspends WPC Sewer Company's tariff for 30 days.

On June 9, 2008¹, WPC Sewer Company (hereafter WPC Sewer) filed a rate increase request letter. WPC Sewer asked the Commission to allow it to increase its rates by \$19,207.56.

On November 6, the Staff of the Commission (hereafter “Staff”) filed an *Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Company Rate Increase Request*. The Agreement was between Staff and WPC Sewer only, and it stated that those parties agreed WPC Sewer should be allowed to increase its rates \$5,357. WPC Sewer also filed a tariff bearing an effective date of December 22 to effectuate that increase.

On December 9, the Office of the Public Counsel (hereafter “OPC”) filed its Motion to Suspend Tariff. In support of its motion, OPC stated that a significant number of customer comments regarding system management, quality of service and the reasonableness of the proposed increased were received. OPC further stated that giving

¹ All calendar references are to 2008 unless otherwise noted.

customers a chance to speak to the Commission regarding the increase is part of the ratemaking process.

The Commission has very little time to schedule and hold a local public hearing before the tariff effective date. Therefore, the Commission will suspend the tariff. The Commission will issue a subsequent order regarding the location, date and time of the local public hearing.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Office of the Public Counsel's Request for Local Public Hearing is granted.
2. That the following tariff sheet filed by WPC Sewer Company, and assigned Tariff File No. YS-2009-0334, is suspended until January 21, 2009, or until otherwise ordered by the Commission:

P.S.C. MO No. 1

3rd Revised Sheet No. 4, Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 4

3. That this order shall become effective on December 11, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Davis, Chm., Murray, Clayton,
and Gunn, CC., concur.
Jarrett, C., absent.

Pridgin, Senior Regulatory Law Judge