

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Lake Region Water & Sewer                     )  
Company's Application to Implement a General                 )  
Rate Increase in Water and Sewer Service                     )     **File No. WR-2013-0461 et al.**

## ORDER TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF RATE INCREASE

Issue Date: June 16, 2014

Effective Date: June 16, 2014

Section 393.275.1, RSMo 2000, requires the Commission to notify the governing body of each city or county imposing a business license tax on gross receipts of any water or sewer corporation of any approved rate increase for that water or sewer corporation that exceeds seven percent. Further, the statute requires the Commission to "include with such notice to any city or county the percentage increase approved for the utility, together with an estimate of the annual increase in gross receipts resulting from the tariff increase on customers residing in that city or county". Section 393.275.2 then requires the taxing authority to reduce its tax rate to reduce the amount of revenue collected under the tax.

On April 30, 2014, the Commission issued a report and order that allowed Lake Region Water & Sewer Company ("Lake Region") to increase that company's annual revenues for providing water and sewer service by greater than seven percent. As required by law, Lake Region filed information stating that to the best of its information and belief, its service territory does not lie within a city or county that imposes a business license tax pursuant to Sections 66.300, 92.045, 94.110, 94.270, or 94.360, RSMo 2000. But Lake Region also stated that its service territory lies within the general taxing authority of Camden County, Missouri, which imposes a tax on its receipts for water service.

Lake Region estimates that in 2014 its sales taxes will increase to \$333.96 and its taxable receipts will increase to \$26,717.45, which is an increase of 13.869%. Although it is unclear whether this statement triggers the statutory notice requirement, the Commission will provide this information to Camden County for its information.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Commission's Data Center shall mail a copy of this order to Camden County, Missouri, c/o Vicky Burns, Camden County Courthouse, 1 Court Circle, Suite 4, Camdenton, MO 65020.
2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Michael Bushmann, Senior Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.