

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 30th day
of April, 2008.

In the Matter of the Small Company Rate)	<u>Case No. WR-2008-0304</u>
Increase Request of Roy-L Utilities, Inc.)	Tariff No. YW-2008-0565

**ORDER APPROVING UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT
REGARDING DISPOSITION OF SMALL COMPANY RATE
INCREASE REQUEST AND APPROVING TARIFF**

Issue Date: April 30, 2008

Effective Date: May 5, 2008

Syllabus: This order approves the agreement among the Staff of the Commission, the Office of the Public Counsel, and Roy-L Utilities, Inc.

Procedural History

On October 23, 2007, Roy-L Utilities, Inc., initiated a small company rate increase under Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.635. It asked for a rate increase intended to generate an additional \$20,000 in annual water service operating revenues. Roy-L serves approximately 60 residential customers in Montgomery County.

On March 20, 2008, after working with the Commission's Staff, Roy-L filed a tariff designed to increase its rate for water service, and an accompanying request for a rate increase. Roy-L stated that an *Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Company Rate Increase Request* would be forthcoming, which Staff filed on March 27. That agreement stated that Roy-L and Staff agreed the company should be allowed to file tariffs intended to

produce an annual increase of \$13,624 in its water revenues. The Office of the Public Counsel did not join in that agreement.

Then, on April 15, Roy-L, Staff and OPC filed a Unanimous Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Company Rate Increase Request. The agreement states that it cancels and supersedes the March 27 agreement between Roy-L and Staff. The agreement would allow Roy-L to file tariffs intended to produce an annual increase of \$13,105 in its water revenues.

Attachment E of the Agreement states that a full-time customer's bill would increase approximately \$22.13 per month. Attachment G of the Agreement states that Roy-L's rates have not increased since 1982.

Staff Recommendation

On April 28, Staff recommended that the Commission approve the tariff, the disposition agreement, and the depreciation rates attached to the agreement. Staff remarked that its agreement with Roy-L and OPC is evidence that the rates and charges contained in the tariff revisions are just and reasonable.

Decision

The Commission finds the agreement among Staff, Public Counsel, and Roy-L to be reasonable, and will approve the agreement. Also, the Commission finds the tariff sheets to be reasonable, and will approve them. Furthermore, the Commission finds the depreciation rates that Staff proposed to be reasonable, and will approve them.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Unanimous Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Company Rate Increase Request is approved.
2. The parties shall comply with the Unanimous Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Company Rate Increase Request.
3. The following tariff sheets filed by Roy-L Utilities, Inc., on March 20, 2008, and assigned Tariff File No. YW-2008-0565, as substituted on April 28, 2008, are approved for service on and after May 5, 2008:

P.S.C. MO No. 2

Original Sheets Nos. 1 through 27, Canceling all previous tariffs

4. The Depreciation Schedule in Attachment F to the Agreement Regarding Disposition of Small Company Rate Increase Request is approved.
5. This order shall become effective on May 5, 2008.
6. This case shall be closed on May 6, 2008.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

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

Pridgin, Regulatory Law Judge