

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 23rd day of
April, 2014.

In the Matter of M.P.B., Inc.'s Request)
for Increase in Annual Sewer System)
Operating Revenues)

File No. SR-2014-0067
Tariff No. YS-2014-0410

**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR A LOCAL
PUBLIC HEARING AND SUSPENDING TARIFF**

Issue Date: April 23, 2014

Effective Date: April 23, 2014

Background

On September 9, 2013, M.P.B., Inc. ("M.P.B.") initiated a small sewer company rate increase action pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050. On April 8, 2014, Staff and M.P.B. filed a Disposition Agreement ("Agreement") that included comprehensive accounting schedules, a review of M.P.B.'s customer service and business operation, and example tariffs designed to implement the agreed-upon revenue requirements. On April 15, 2014, M.P.B. filed revised tariff sheets reflecting certain rate and language changes to bring the tariffs into full conformity with the Agreement. The tariff sheets bear an effective date of June 1, 2014.

Public Counsel's Response

The Office of the Public Counsel ("Public Counsel") did not join in the Agreement. Instead, on April 16, 2014, Public Counsel requested a local public hearing. Public Counsel claims that it has concerns with the revenue requirement reflected in the

Agreement. Public Counsel further requested that the Commission suspend the tariff to allow for time to receive further customer comment. This is sufficient for the grant of a public hearing.

The time-line filed by Staff, taken from the timeframes listed in Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.050(5), contemplates holding a local public hearing on, or around, June 12, 2014. Additionally, Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.110(1) requires the Commission to set the time and place for hearings and serve notice as required by law. Section 536.067(4), RSMo 2000, and Section 386.390.5, RSMo 2000, require at least ten days' notice be given prior to a hearing. The Commission shall set the date for the local public hearing by separate order that is as reasonably close to June 12, 2014 as is practical.

Tariff Suspension

Because the date for the local public hearing likely will be beyond the effective date for the tariffs, the Commission shall suspend the tariffs.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The following revised tariff sheets filed by M.P.B., Inc. on April 15, 2014, and assigned Tariff File No. YS-2014-0410, are suspended until August 10, 2014, or until otherwise ordered by the Commission:

P.S.C. MO No. 2

Canceling P.S.C. MO No. 1

2. The motion to suspend the tariff filed by the Office of the Public Counsel is granted.

3. The Commission shall set a local public hearing by separate order.

4. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.



BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff

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Secretary

R. Kenney, Chm., Stoll, W. Kenney,
Hall, and Rupp, CC., concur.

Pridgin, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge