## STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 21st day of May, 2013.

In the Matter of a Small Utility Rate Case Procedure for Rogue Creek Utilities, Inc.	) )	File No. SR-2013-0435
In the Matter of a Small Utility Rate Case Procedure for Rogue Creek Utilities, Inc.	) )	<u>File No. WR-2013-0436</u>

## ORDER APPROVING UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT AND APPROVING TARIFF

Issue Date: May 21, 2013

Effective Date: May 31, 2013

On March 27, 2013, Rogue Creek Utilities filed a request to increase rates for its water and sewer services. Also, in an effort to secure Interim rate relief, the company filed tariff revisions with an effective date of April 26, 2013. On April 2, the Office of the Public Counsel filed an objection to the company's request for an immediate revision to its tariff. Subsequently the company withdrew its proposed tariff revisions.

On May 14 the parties filed a unanimous agreement regarding the implementation of interim rate relief, pending resolution of the company's request for permanent rate relief. The interim rate relief has been requested to resolve an urgent necessity of the company to resolve its financial obligations and to secure the safe and reliable provision of sewer and water services. The parties agree that there will be an Interim Rate A and B for sewer service and for water service.

These Interim Rates will be billed as a separate line item and, with regard to Interim Rate A, subject to refund.<sup>1</sup> Interim Rate B will be for the following:

- Inspection of water storage tanks •
- Installation of new water well pressure switch and associated expenses
- Payment of past-due accounts to Environmental Management Services •
- Clearing of partially blocked main
- Clearing of blocked/overflowing multi-family lateral •
- Repair of sewer main break

The tariff sheets, agreed upon by the parties and filed by the company, show the following increases in sewer and water rates:

		Regular monthly service charge	Interim Rate A	Interim Rate B
W	/ater	\$11.51	\$7.97	\$9.89
Se	ewer	\$15.46	\$5.61	\$10.18

The parties request that the Commission approve the tariff sheets on less than 30 days' notice, direct Rogue Creek to complete those tasks associated with Interim Rate B, and to use the money collected through Interim Rate B for the agreed-upon purposes.

The Commission may, for good cause, approve tariff changes on less than 30-days' notice.<sup>2</sup> Based on the verified pleadings, the Commission finds good cause and will approve the revised water and sewer tariff pages to become effective in less than 30 days. The Commission will also approve the agreement and direct the parties to abide by the terms set out therein.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See , Agreement Regarding Emergency Interim Rate and Request for Orders, Paragraph 10. <sup>2</sup> Section 393.140 (11), RSMo.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Agreement Regarding Emergency Interim Rates and Request for Order is approved and the parties are directed to abide by its terms. A copy of the Agreement is attached to this order and is incorporated by reference.

2. Prior to November 30, 2013, Rogue Creek Utilities, Inc. shall make every reasonable effort to complete the items described in paragraph 6 of the Agreement.

3. Rogue Creek Utilities, Inc. shall use the funds collected pursuant to Interim Rate B in the manner described in paragraphs 6 and 8 of the Agreement.

4. The following sewer tariff sheet, filed on May 14, 2013, is approved to become effective on May 31, 2013:

 $\frac{\text{P.S.C. MO No. 2}}{4^{\text{th}} \text{ Revised Sheet No. 6, Canceling } 3^{\text{rd}} \text{ Revised Sheet No. 6.}$ 

5. The following water tariff sheet, filed on May 14, 2013, is approved to become effective on May 31, 2013:

P.S.C. MO No. 2 4th Revised Sheet No. 6, Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. 6

6. This order shall become effective on May 31, 2013.

## BY THE COMMISSION

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

R. Kenney, Chm., Jarrett, Stoll, and W. Kenney, CC., concur.

Jones, Senior Regulatory Law Judge