

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Christi)
Water System, Inc. for an Increase in Rates) Case No. 09-569-WW-AIR
and Charges.)

ENTRY

The Commission finds:

- (1) Christi Water System, Inc. (Applicant) is a waterworks company as defined by Section 4905.03(A)(8) and (14), Revised Code, and a public utility as defined by Section 4905.02, Revised Code, and as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission pursuant to Sections 4905.04, 4905.05, and 4905.06, Revised Code.
- (2) An application for an increase in rates is governed by, and must meet, the requirements of Sections 4909.17, 4909.18, and 4909.19, Revised Code. The Applicant filed on July 7, 2009, an abbreviated application pursuant to Chapter V of the Commission's Standard Filing Requirements. The application complies with the Ohio Revised Code and the Commission's Standard Filing Requirements.
- (3) Section 4909.15(C), Revised Code, provides that, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, the test period for determining cost of service shall be the twelve-month period beginning six months prior to the date the application is filed and ending six months subsequent to that date and that in no event shall the test period end more than nine months subsequent to the date the application is filed. This section also requires that the date certain be no later than the date of filing. The Applicant moves that its test period begin January 1, 2008, and end December 31, 2008, and that the date certain be December 31, 2008. The Applicant's proposed test period should be approved as requested.
- (4) The Applicant has requested waivers of Section 4909.18(A) through (E), Revised Code. Considering the size of the company, the Commission Staff is of the opinion that this request is reasonable and should be granted.
- (5) Section 4909.19, Revised Code, requires publication of the substance and prayer of the application once a week for three consecutive

weeks in a newspaper published and in general circulation throughout the territory affected by the matters referred to in the application and in which the Applicant operates. The Commission specifies that the Applicant should begin publication of the following form of notice, pursuant to Section 4909.19, Revised Code, within thirty days of the date of this Entry and such notice shall not appear in the legal notices section of the newspaper:

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS
CHRISTI WATER SYSTEM, INC.
PUCO CASE NO. 09-569-WW-AIR

Christi Water Company has filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio to increase its rates and charges.

Any interested party seeking detailed information with respect to all affected rates, charges, regulations and practices may inspect a copy of the application, including supporting schedules and present and proposed rate sheets, by either of the following methods: by visiting the offices of the Commission at 180 East Broad Street, 13th floor, Columbus, Ohio, 43215-3793; or by visiting the Commission's web site at <http://www.puco.ohio.gov>, selecting DIS, inputting 09-569 in the case lookup box, and selecting the date the application was filed. Additionally, a copy of the application and supporting documents may be viewed at the business office of the company at 200 Perry Street, Defiance, Ohio 43512.

The current base rates were approved in 1986 in Case No. 85-859-WW-AIR. In its application, Christi Water System, Inc. alleges that based on current expense levels, the existing rates do not provide a reasonable level of compensation for utility services. Based upon that claim, the Applicant requests the Commission grant

authorization to set the proposed rates and charges as shown in the Rate Chart below:

RATE CHART

<u>Class Schedule</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>	<u>Increase %</u>
Monthly Base Rate Charges for Metered Usage:			
0--310 cubic feet	\$ 9.54	\$ 23.74	148.85%
311--1,160 cubic feet	\$.0182	\$.0452	148.35%
Over 1,160 cubic feet	\$.0151	\$.0375	148.34%

Purchased Water Charges will remain unchanged.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the application of Christi Water System, Inc. is accepted for filing as of July 7, 2009. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the test period of the Applicant, Christi Water System, Inc., shall begin January 1, 2008, and end December 31, 2008, and that the date certain shall be December 31, 2008. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the appropriate method for making any changes to the date certain or test period shall be the filing of a new abbreviated application for an increase in rates and withdrawal of the pending application. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the request for waivers made by the Applicant is granted as set forth in Finding No. 4, It is, further,

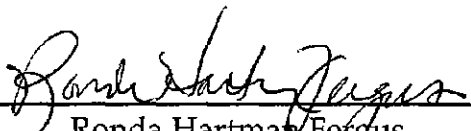
ORDERED, That the Applicant shall begin publication of the notice to customers presented in Finding No. 5, pursuant to Section 4909.19, Revised Code, within thirty days of the date of this Entry. It is, further,

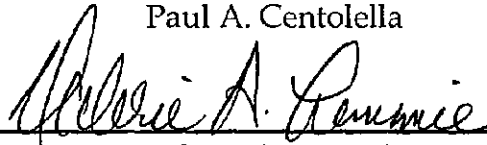
ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

Alan R. Schriber, Chairman


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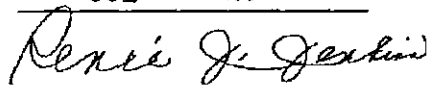

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