

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 attorney examiner finds:

- (1) The Commission has caused an investigation to be made of the facts set forth in Christi Water System Inc.'s (Christi, applicant, or company) application in this case, the exhibits attached thereto, and of the matters connected with the application.
- (2) A written report of the staff's investigation was filed on December 30, 2009. Copies of the staff report were mailed to the company, the mayors of the municipal corporations affected by the application, and other persons the Commission deemed to be interested in the case.
- (3) Objections to the staff report should be filed by January 29, 2010, in accordance with Section 4909.19, Revised Code, and Rule 4901-1-28(B), Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.), which requires that all objections must be specific. Any objection that is not specific enough to convey what is actually being placed at issue will be struck pursuant to the above-cited rule.
- (4) Motions to strike objections shall be filed by February 8, 2010, and memoranda contra motions to strike objections shall be filed by February 16, 2010. Unless an objection is struck or withdrawn, each objection must be discussed in the initial post-hearing brief of the objecting party. If the objection is not discussed in the initial brief, the objection will, without further action, be deemed withdrawn.
- (5) Each party filing objections shall also file a brief summary of the issues it designates as major issues, in order of their importance, for purposes of the notice required by Section 4903.083, Revised Code.
- (6) Direct expert testimony should be filed by January 29, 2010, in accordance with Rule 4901-1-29, O.A.C.

- (7) A prehearing conference will be held on February 9, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., in hearing room 11-C, at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. The purpose of the conference will be to discuss procedural aspects of the case and to provide an opportunity for the parties to conduct settlement discussions.
- (8) The evidentiary hearing will begin on March 4, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., in hearing room 11-C, at the offices of the Commission, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. A subsequent entry will address the scheduling of the local public hearing and publication of notice of the hearing.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That objections to the staff report, summary of the issues, and direct expert testimony be filed by January 29, 2010. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a prehearing conference be scheduled in accordance with finding 7. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a evidentiary hearing be scheduled in accordance with finding 8. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served upon each party of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

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