BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO



In the Matter of the Application of Water and Sewer LLC for Approval of Certain Amendments to its Tariff. : P.U.C.O. No. 3.

Case No. 10-52-ST-ATA

1. APPLICANT RESPECTFULLY PROPOSES: (Check applicable proposals)

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() **New Service** Change in Rule or Regulation ()

()New Classification ()**Reduction in Rates**

- ()Change in Classification ()Correction of Error
- Other, Not involving increases in rates **(X)**
- **(X)** Various related and unrelated textual changes, without change in intent

2. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSALS

Pursuant to Section 4909.18, Revised Code, Water and Sewer LLC ("W&S") hereby seeks approval of certain amendments to its tariff, P.U.C.O. No. 3. In support of its application, W&S states as follows:

W&S is an Ohio limited liability company engaged in the business of supplying sewage disposal service to customers in a service area within the Village of Richfield, Ohio and adjacent unincorporated territory in Richfield Township, Summit County, Ohio. As a public utility within the definition of Section 4905.02, Revised Code, and a sewage disposal company within the definition of Section 4905.03(A)(14), Revised Code, W&S is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission pursuant to Sections 4905.04, 4905.05, and 4905.06, Revised Code.

W&S's current tariff, P.U.C.O. No. 3, was approved by this Commission in its December 9, 2009 Finding and Order in Case No. 09-1842-WS-UNC, whereby W&S was authorized to terminate operations as a water-works public utility. Thus, the current tariff, which includes the rates, rules, and regulations governing sewer service, replaced W&S's former tariff, P.U.C.O. No 2, which governed both water and sewer service.

In anticipation of W&S's termination of its water operations, the form of the sewer tariff was addressed in the Commission-approved stipulation that resolved W&S's rate increase application in Case No. 08-227-WS-AIR. As noted in the Commission's Opinion and

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Order of May 27, 2009 in that case, the stipulation permitted W&S to delay implementation of the staff directive that the contact information for the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel ("OCC") be included on customer bills (*see* Staff Report, Case No. 08-227-WS-AIR, 12-13) until such time as W&S's existing bill stock was exhausted or until it commenced operations as a sewer-only utility, whichever first occurred.

As explained in the application in Case No. 09-1842-WS-UNC, W&S had bill stock remaining at the time the application was filed, and had not yet ordered the new bill stock including the OCC contact information (*see* Application, Case No. 09-1842, at 7, n. 7). Thus, the bill format appendix to the sewer tariff (Appendix C) attached as Exhibit D to the application in Case No. 09-1842-WS-UNC, and approved by the Commission in its December 9, 2009 finding and order in that docket, continued to reflect the existing bill format. However, W&S warranted in its application that it would submit an ATA application for approval of the new bill format sufficiently in advance of February 1, 2010 – the date of the first sewer-only billing – to permit the Commission to act on the application before the first sewer-only bills utilizing the new bill format were issued. Accordingly, W&S now seeks to amend its sewer tariff by replacing existing Appendix C with the revised version of Appendix C set forth in Exhibit B hereto.

In addition to incorporating the new bill format, W&S seeks approval of two other amendments to its tariff, P.U.C.O. No. 3. First, W&S proposes to include a definition of "clean waters" in the definitions section of its tariff. Second, as is typical in the tariffs of other Commission-regulated sewage disposal companies, W&S proposes to include prohibition in the "Services and Facilities" section of its tariff against discharging clean waters into W&S's service lines or collection mains. These revisions necessitate certain non-textual changes to paragraph designations and pagination, as well as corresponding changes to the table of contents and the subject matter index.

3. CURRENT TARIFF SHEETS TO BE REPLACED:

The amendments proposed herein affect the following tariff sheets, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit.

Section i, Original Sheet No. 1 Section ii, Original Sheet No. 1 Section ii, Original Sheet No. 2 Section 1, Original Sheet No. 1 Section 3, Original Sheet No. 8 Appendix C

4. **PROPOSED REVISED TARIFF SHEETS:**

The amendments proposed herein are reflected in the following revised tariff sheets, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Section i, First Revised Sheet No. 1 Section ii, First Revised Sheet No. 1 Section ii, First Revised Sheet No. 2 Section 1, First Revised Sheet No. 1 Section 3, First Revised Sheet No. 8 Appendix C

5. OFFICER VERIFICATION:

The officer verification required by Section 4909.18, Revised Code, is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

WHEREFORE, W&S respectfully requests that the Commission find as follows:

- A. That this application is an application not for an increase in rates and is properly before the Commission pursuant to Section 4909.18, Revised Code;
- B. That this application satisfies the requirements of Section 4909.18, Revised Code;
- C. That the proposals set forth in the application are just and reasonable and should be approved;
- D. That W&S should be authorized to withdraw and cancel the current tariff sheets and bill format appendix set forth in Exhibit A to the application;
- E. That W&S should be authorized to file, in final form, four printed copies of the revised tariff sheets and bill format appendix set forth in Exhibit B to the application with the Commission's Docketing Division;
- F. That one copy of the revised tariff sheets and bill format appendix should be designated for inclusion in this docket, that one copy should be designated for inclusion in W&S's TRF docket, TRF docket No. 89-7045-WS-TRF (or, if filed electronically, as directed in Case No. 06-900-AU-WVR), and that two copies should be designated for distribution to the Rates and Tariff, Energy and Water Division of the Commission's Utilities Department; and
- G. That the revised sheets and bill format appendix shall be effective upon filing without further entry by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A

Current P.U.C.O. No. 3 Tariff Sheets to be Replaced

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 - C. "Company service line" means that portion of the service line between the collection main, up to and including the sewer inlet connection, at or near the property line, right-of-way, or easement line, maintained at the cost of the Company.
 - D. "Customer" means any person who enters into an agreement with the Company to receive sewage disposal service.
 - E. "Customer service line" means that portion of the service line from the Company service line to the structure or premises, supplied, installed, and maintained at the cost of the customer.
 - F. "Collection main" means a pipe that collects or transports wastewater from customer service line to the Company's treatment facility.
 - G. "Service connection" means the connection of the Company's service line with the customer's service line at or near the property line, which connection enables the customer to receive service.
 - H. "Tap-in" means the connecting of a Company service line to a collection main.
- 2. <u>Applicability</u>. Sewer service provided by the Company is furnished subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this tariff, which has been filed with and approved by the Commission. In the case of any conflict between these terms and conditions of service and the Standards for Waterworks Companies and Sewage Disposal System Companies

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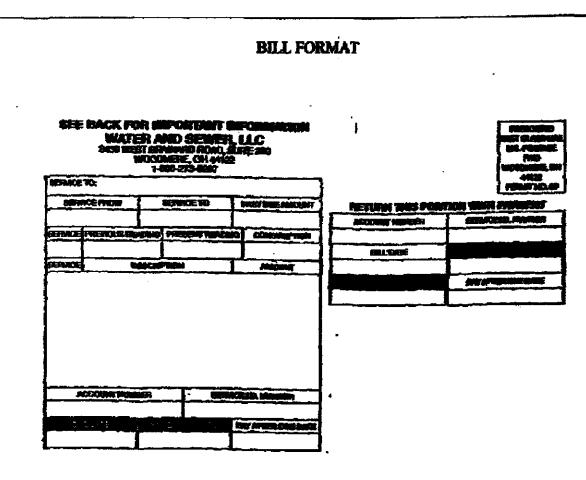
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11. <u>Prohibited Discharges</u>. No customer shall cause the discharge of Clean waters into any Company service line or Collection main without the consent of the Company. The Company may prohibit the discharge of non-domestic sewage into any Company service line or Collection main, or may require pre-treatment of non-domestic sewage prior to permitting it to be discharged into any Company service line or Collection main.

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VERIFICATION

State of Ohio :

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County of Cuyahoga :

I, Randy Kertesz, acting president of Water and Sewer LLC, and I, Ronnie M. Kertesz, acting secretary of Water and Sewer LLC, hereby affirm that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of our knowledge,

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Sworn to and subscribed before me a Notary Public for said County and State, on this 19 day of I_{AUVA} 2010.

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