

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of )  
Columbia Park Water and Sewer System )  
for a Purchased Water Adjustment to its ) Case No. 10-425-WW-PWA  
Rates Under Section 4909.171, Revised )  
Code. )

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) The Applicant, Columbia Park Water and Sewer System (Columbia), is a public utility and a waterworks company as defined in Sections 4905.02 and 4905.03(A)(8), Revised Code, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) Section 4909.171, Revised Code, permits a waterworks company whose water supply is provided by a local government to request an increase or decrease in rates to reflect changes in the cost of water imposed by a local government without proceeding under Sections 4909.18 and 4909.19, Revised Code. The change in rate or charge must be based solely on a change in the cost to the company of the water. The statute requires that the request for a rate change be accompanied by evidence of the new rates imposed by the local government and appropriate tariff revisions, without change to the existing division of revenue responsibility.
- (3) On March 31, 2010, Columbia filed a "Submission" pursuant to Section 4909.171, Revised Code. This filing included a copy of a customer newsletter from the City of Cleveland, dated Fall 2006, with an effective date of January 1, 2007, which listed the annual increases in the cost of water for Columbia. The filing also included a proposed tariff incorporating a purchased water rate reflecting the 2010 cost of water to Columbia and a proposed customer notice. Columbia uses water supplied by the City of Cleveland to produce water service for approximately 1,138 units within a mobile home park and to tenants of an adjacent shopping center, medical building, trolley museum, and a gas station.

- (4) The Commission has reviewed the proposed tariff and finds that the Applicant's proposed tariff is reasonable. The Commission finds that the City of Cleveland water rate needed modification in order to not generate revenues in excess of the cost of water purchased from the City of Cleveland pursuant to letter dated Fall 2006. The City of Cleveland rates are \$19.50 for the first thousand cubic feet (MCF) and \$41.70 for additional MCF, plus a \$7 customer charge. The Applicant receives bills for two meters. Using the usage data supplied in the application, the total consumption was reduced by eight MCF  $[(4 \text{ quarters} \times 1 \text{ MCF}) \times 2]$ . This figure was multiplied by the \$41.70 and then increased by 4 quarters times 2 meters of the first MCF charge  $(\$19.50 \times 8)$ . The customer charge expense  $[(\$7 \times 4) \times 2] = \$56$  was added to the usage total. This result was divided by the total MCF to derive the resultant per MCF purchased water rate.
- (5) The Commission has reviewed the proposed customer notice and finds it reasonable.
- (6) By accepting this tariff for filing, the Commission is in no way foreclosed from investigating the justness and reasonableness of the Company's rates in a future proceeding.
- (7) An increase authorized pursuant to Section 4909.171, Revised Code, is not effective until 45 days after the date the company has provided affected customers with notification of the increase.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That Applicant is authorized to file, in final form, four complete, printed copies of tariff sheets consistent with this Finding and Order. Applicant shall file one copy in its TRF docket number 89-7049-WS-TRF (or may make such filing electronically as directed in Case No. 06-900-AU-WVR), and one copy in this case docket. The remaining two copies shall be designated for distribution to the Rates and Tariffs, Energy and Water Division of the Commission's Utilities Department. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the effective date of the new tariff shall be the date upon which four complete, printed copies of the approved tariff are filed with the Commission or 45 days after the special mailing of the customer notice, whichever is later. The new tariff shall be applicable to bills rendered on or after the effective date. It is, further,

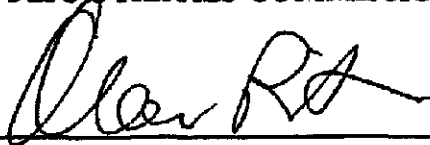
ORDERED, That the customer notice be approved consistent with the above findings. It is, further,

ORDERED, That Applicant immediately commence mailing of the Company's customer notice to its customers by special mailing. The Applicant shall notify the Commission in writing upon completion of the mailing. It is, further,

ORDERED, That nothing in this Finding and Order shall be deemed to be binding upon this Commission in any subsequent investigation or proceeding involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule, or regulation. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO



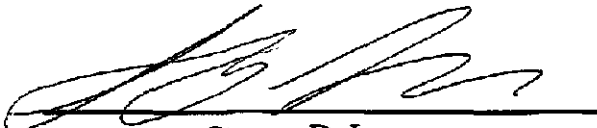
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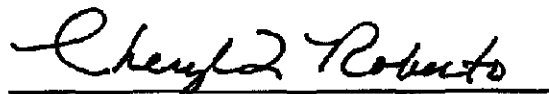
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