

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Utility)
Operators Corp. to Amend the Billing Units) Case No. 07-964-ST-ATA
of its Tariff.)

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) The Applicant, Utility Operators Corp. (UOC, the Company), is a public utility as defined in Section 4905.02, Revised Code, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) On July 12, 2007, the Court of Common Pleas Guernsey County, Ohio, appointed the Mayor of the Village of Byesville, Donald Gadd, as receiver for UOC. The Court's order allows the Village of Byesville to operate the UOC wastewater treatment plant. However, the Village of Byesville's billing software is set up to bill in gallon increments rather than cubic feet increments currently used by UOC. A modification to the software billing program would result in unnecessary increased costs for the customers of UOC.
- (3) On August 29, 2007, UOC filed an application for approval to amend its tariff to change its billing units from cubic feet to gallons, reflect that the billings will be based on actual meter reads, and to change the payee on payments to the Village of Byesville.
- (4) On September 4, 2007, for tariff consistency and accuracy, UOC filed a revised proposed tariff page that reflected the monthly charges in the second block rate. The first block rate is a minimum charge and remained the same while the second rate block was divided by 7.48, the gallon to cubic foot ratio. The billing transition will have no effect on the rates charged or the revenues of the Company.
- (5) UOC's current tariff states that two months of each quarter will be estimated with a third month being the "true-up" bill. The Village of Byesville provides water service to UOC's customers and bills actual meter reads monthly. Both water and sewer service will now be on one bill. To avoid customer confusion and to simplify

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the payment process, the Receiver, Donald Gadd, requested that customers be permitted to write one check for both services/bill and, therefore, requested that the tariff be revised to require that payments for sewage treatment services be made to the Village of Byesville.

- (6) On September 5, 2007, a copy of a letter dated August 1, 2007, from the Village of Byesville was docketed. This letter was sent to all customers notifying the customers of the changes. The Commission has reviewed the customer notice and finds it reasonable. No additional notice to customers will be required.
- (7) The proposed tariff changes are reasonable, will not result in an increase in any rate, and are approved. The Village shall separately account for revenues received for sewage treatment services.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the Applicant is authorized to file in final form four complete, printed copies of tariffs consistent with this Finding and Order. Applicant shall file one copy in its TRF Docket No. 89-7046-ST-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 tariffs shall be a date not earlier than both the date of this Finding and Order and the date upon which four complete, printed copies of final tariffs are filed with the Commission. The new tariffs shall be effective for bills rendered on or after such effective date. It is, further,

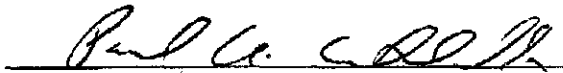
ORDERED, That nothing in this Finding and Order shall be deemed to be binding upon this Commission in any subsequent investigation or proceeding involving the justness or reasonableness of any rates, charge, rule, or regulation. It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this Finding and Order be served upon the Applicant.

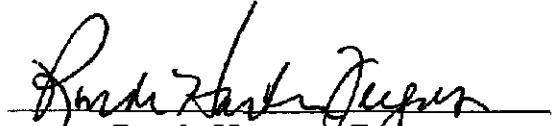
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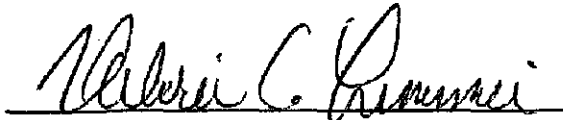
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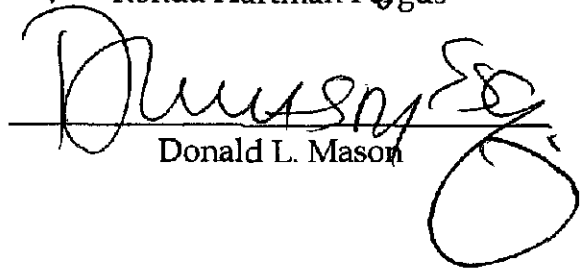
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