

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Christi )  
Water System, Inc. for a Purchased Water ) Case No. 15-423-WW-PWA  
Adjustment to its Rates Under R.C. )  
4909.171. )

FINDING AND ORDER

The Commission finds:

- (1) The Applicant, Christi Water System, Inc. (Christi), is a public utility and a waterworks company as defined in R.C. 4905.02 and R.C. 4905.03(A)(7) and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- (2) R.C. 4909.171 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 R.C. 4909.18 and R.C. 4909.19. 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 February 25, 2015, Christi filed an application pursuant to R.C. 4909.171. This filing included a copy of Ordinance No. 7161 passed June 22, 2010, by the city of Defiance with an effective date of January 1, 2015, setting the cost of water for Christi. The filing also included a proposed tariff incorporating a purchased water rate reflecting the current cost of water to Christi and a proposed customer notice. Christi uses water supplied by the city of Defiance to provide water service for approximately 194 residential customers.
- (4) The Commission has reviewed the application and the proposed tariff and finds that the Applicant's proposed tariff is reasonable, and should be approved. Additionally, the Commission finds that the purchased water rate component contained therein would not generate revenues in excess of the

cost of water purchased from the city of Defiance pursuant to Ordinance No. 7161.

- (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 Applicant's rates in a future proceeding. The Commission shall continue to monitor the operations of the Applicant to assure that there is not a more reasonable alternative source of supply than the city of Defiance.
- (7) An increase authorized pursuant to R.C. 4909.171 is not effective until forty-five days after the date the company has provided affected customers with notification of the increase.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the application filed by Christi be approved. It is, further,

ORDERED, That Christi is authorized to file tariffs, in final form consistent with this Finding and Order. Christi shall file one copy in this case docket and one copy in its TRF Docket No. 89-7005-WW-TRF. It is, further,

ORDERED, That the effective date of the new tariff shall be a date upon which tariffs are filed with the Commission or forty-five 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,

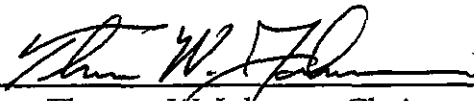
ORDERED, That the proposed customer notice be approved. It is, further,

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

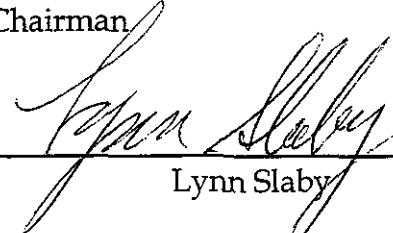
ORDERED, That nothing in this Finding and Order shall be deemed to be binding upon this Commission in any subsequent investigation or proceeding involving the justness or reasonableness of any rate, charge, rule, or regulation. It is, further,

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


THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

  
Thomas W. Johnson, Chairman

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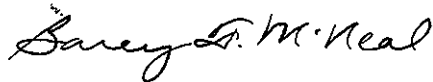
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