

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
COLUMBIA MHC EAST LLC DBA
COLUMBIA PARK WATER AND SEWER
SYSTEM FOR AN INCREASE IN RATES AND
CHARGES.

CASE NO. 18-1528-WS-AIR

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on December 5, 2018

I. SUMMARY

{¶ 1} The Commission finds that the application of Columbia MHC East LLC dba Columbia Park Water and Sewer System is not in compliance with the Commission's standard filing requirements at this time.

II. DISCUSSION

{¶ 2} Columbia MHC East LLC dba Columbia Park Water and Sewer System (CPWSS or Applicant) is a waterworks and sewage disposal system company as defined by R.C. 4905.03 and a public utility as defined by R.C. 4905.02, and, as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

{¶ 3} An application for an increase in rates is governed by and must meet the requirements of R.C. 4909.17 to 4909.19 and the Commission's standard filing requirements set forth in Ohio Adm.Code Chapter 4901-7. The Commission will endeavor to conclude its review of an application that satisfies the requirements of R.C. 4909.17 to 4909.19 and the Commission's standard filing requirements within 275 days as set forth in R.C. 4909.42.

{¶ 4} On October 9, 2018, CPWSS filed an application for a small utility increase in rates pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-7-01, Appendix A, Chapter III of the Commission's standard filing requirements.

{¶ 5} Included within Applicant's October 9, 2018 application was a request for waiver of certain rate base schedules involving plant-in-service, depreciation accrual rates,

and jurisdictional reserve balances as well as a fully allocated cost of service study for the addition of a new customer class.

{¶ 6} Pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-7-01, Appendix A, Chapter III(A)(4)(e), except for good cause shown, all waiver requests must be filed 30 days or more before docketing of an application for an increase in rates with the Commission. A waiver request not granted by the Commission within 30 days of its filing shall be considered denied. Ohio Adm.Code 4901-7-01, Appendix A, Chapter III(A)(4)(e). Applicant's waiver request was denied pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-7-01, Appendix A, Chapter III(A)(4)(e).

{¶ 7} On November 20, 2018, Staff sent CPWSS a letter stating its application filed on October 9, 2018, did not comply with the standard filing requirements covered in Ohio Adm.Code 4901-7-01, Appendix A, Chapter III and that Staff did not receive enough information to begin its review of the application. Staff's letter detailed the information CPWSS must provide in order to complete the application including the plant-in-service, depreciation accrual rate, and jurisdictional reserve balance schedules, a cost of service study, and direct testimony of utility personnel or other expert witnesses to support the application. Additionally, Staff's letter asserts that the date certain of December 1, 2018, and a test year consisting of the 12-month time frame ending December 1, 2019, does not conform with R.C. 4909.15(C), that the rate of return schedules required by Ohio Adm.Code 4901-7-01, Appendix A, Chapter III(Section D) do not conform to the standard filing requirements, that the associated work papers were not filed, and that the application's basis is out of compliance with R.C. 4909.15 and 4909.18.

{¶ 8} Pursuant to Ohio Adm.Code 4901-7-01, Appendix A, Chapter III(A)(4)(c), within 60 days of an application for increase in rates being filed, the Commission will issue an entry indicating whether the application complies with the Commission's standard filing requirements. In light of the deficiencies outlined in the Staff's November 20, 2018 letter, the Commission determines that the application of CPWSS filed on October 9, 2018, is not

in compliance with the Commission's standard filing requirements at this time for purposes of calculating the time period set forth in R.C. 4909.42.

{¶ 9} On November 30, 2018, CPWSS filed supplemental information to support its application. The Commission will review this supplemental information and hereafter make a determination whether the supplemental information renders the application in substantial and technical compliance with the standard filing requirements.

III. ORDER

{¶ 10} It is, therefore,

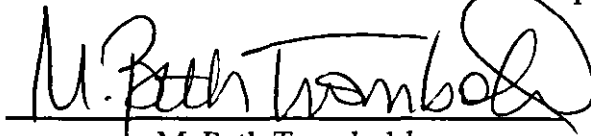
{¶ 11} ORDERED, That, in accordance with Paragraph 8, the application of CPWSS is not in compliance with the Commission's standard filing requirements at this time for purposes of calculating the time period set forth in R.C. 4909.42. It is, further,

{¶ 12} ORDERED, That a copy of this Entry be served upon all parties of record.

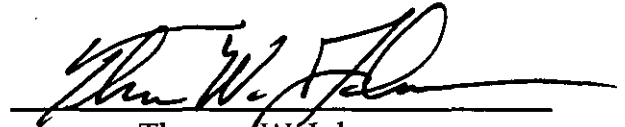
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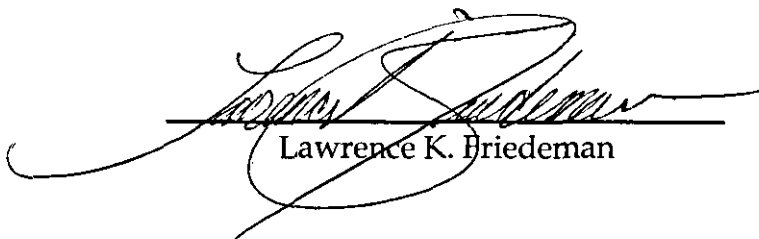
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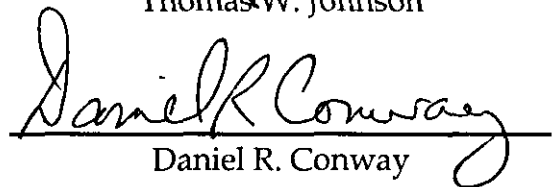
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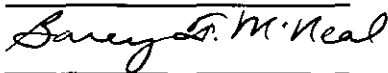


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