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Docketing Division
Public Utilities Commission of Ohio
180 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: *In the Matter of the Application of Carroll Township Treatment Services, Inc. for an Increase in Rates and Charges, Case No. 20-1585-ST-AIR*

Dear Docketing Division:

Enclosed please find the Staff's review and recommendations in regard to the application filed on October 12, 2020 by Carroll Township Treatment Services, Inc. in Case No. 20-1585-ST-AIR.

Sincerely,

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Carroll Township Treatment Services, Inc.
Case No. 20-1585-ST-AIR

Background

On October 12, 2020 Carroll Township Treatment Services, Inc. (Company) filed an application at the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (Commission) for an increase in rates and charges. In order for staff to evaluate an application for an increase in rates, applicants must provide specific standard information, as required by the Standard Filing Requirements for Rate Increase set forth in the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 4901-7-01, Appendix A. These Standard Filing Requirements (SFR) contain the minimum information public utilities are required to submit with their applications.

A sewage disposal system utility with fewer than 7,500 customers may choose to either make an abbreviated filing, under Chapter IV of the SFR, or apply for rate adjustments by complying with the SFR for small utilities, under Chapter III of the SFR. The Company provides sewage disposal services to 400 to 5,000 customers in the area of Carroll Township, Ottawa County, Ohio. The Company chose to make an abbreviated filing.

Staff reviewed the abbreviated application filed on October 12, 2020 for compliance with the SFR. The Company proposes a test period beginning September 1, 2019 and ending August 31, 2020 and a date certain of August 31, 2020. The Company's current rates include sewage disposal rate approved in Case No. 18-889-ST-AIR. The Company's current sewer charge is \$1.3019 per hundred gallons; the Company proposes a sewer charge of \$2.31728 per hundred gallons. The Company filed for an emergency rate relief in Case No. 20-1322-ST-AEM on July 29, 2020. Staff continues to investigate the emergency application concurrent with this rate case application.

The procedures in an abbreviated filing assume that the applicant maintained adequate financial records pursuant to the Uniform Systems of Accounts prescribed by the Commission and requires that the applicant have on file with the Commission fully completed annual reports for the most recent calendar year and at least two prior years. Staff recognizes that the Company filed its 2017, 2018 and 2019 annual reports with the Commission, but Staff has noted discrepancies within them. During the course of this review, Staff proposes to work with the Company to address these discrepancies.

In Staff's review of Case No. 20-1585-ST-AIR, the Company's application substantively conforms to the SFR, and Staff recommends that the Commission approve the proposed test year and date certain and accept the application for filing as of October 12, 2020.

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Summary: Staff Review and Recommendation regarding Standard Filing Requirements (SFR)
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