

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
CARROLL TOWNSHIP TREATMENT
SERVICES, LLC FOR AN INCREASE IN
RATES AND CHARGES.

CASE NO. 20-1585-ST-AIR

ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on January 25, 2021

{¶ 1} R.C. 4909.18 requires, in part, that any public utility seeking to establish, modify, amend, change, increase, or reduce any rate must file an application with the Commission.

{¶ 2} Carroll Township Treatment Services, LLC (CTTS or Applicant) is a sewage disposal system company as defined by R.C. 4905.03(M) and a public utility as defined by R.C. 4905.02, and as such, is subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission pursuant to R.C. 4905.04, 4905.05, and 4905.06.

{¶ 3} On October 12, 2020, Applicant filed an abbreviated application to increase its rates for sewage disposal service, pursuant to R.C. 4909.18.

{¶ 4} On October 26, 2020, Staff filed a review and recommendation (Staff Report). In the Staff Report, Staff indicated that it reviewed the October 12, 2020 application, and that it substantively conforms to the Standard Filing Requirements for Rate Increase (SFR) as described in Ohio Adm.Code 4901-7-01. Accordingly, Staff recommended that the Commission accept the application for filing as of October 12, 2020.

{¶ 5} On November 18, 2020, the Commission found that (1) Applicant's application meets the SFR, (2) Applicant's request to establish the test period as September 1, 2019, to August 31, 2020, and the date certain as August 31, 2020, is reasonable and should be granted, (3) the application is accepted as of the filing date of October 12, 2020, and (4) Applicant's requested waivers of R.C. 4909.18(A) through (E) are reasonable and should be granted.

{¶ 6} Pursuant to R.C. 4909.19, Staff conducted an investigation of the facts, exhibits, and matters relating to CTTS's application and filed its report on January 13, 2021 (Second Staff Report). Copies of the Second Staff Report were mailed to CTTS and other persons the Commission deemed to be interested in the case.

{¶ 7} On January 20, 2021, CTTS filed a notice of acceptance of the Second Staff Report.

{¶ 8} Pursuant to R.C. 4909.19 and Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-28(B), all objections to the Second Staff Report must be filed within 30 days after the filing of such report, and all objections must be specific. Any objection that is not specific enough to convey what is actually being placed at issue will be struck pursuant to the above-cited rule. Each party filing objections shall also file a brief summary of the issues it designates as major issues, in order of their importance, for purposes of the notice required by R.C. 4903.083.

{¶ 9} Direct expert testimony and motions to intervene in this case should be filed by February 12, 2021, in accordance with Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-29.

{¶ 10} Motions to strike objections to the Second Staff Report should be filed by February 19, 2021; memorandum contra motions to intervene, as well as memorandum contra motions to strike objections to the Second Staff Report, should be filed by February 26, 2021. Unless an objection is struck or withdrawn, each objection must be discussed in the initial post-hearing brief of the objecting party. If an objection is not discussed in the initial brief, the objection will, without further action, be deemed withdrawn.

{¶ 11} A prehearing conference will be held on March 24, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 emergency measures, the prehearing conference will be conducted using remote technology. Instructions for participation in the prehearing conference will be sent by email to parties in the case. The purpose of the conference will be to discuss procedural aspects of the case and to provide an opportunity for the parties to conduct settlement discussions.

{¶ 12} The evidentiary hearing will begin on April 14, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 emergency measures, the evidentiary hearing will be conducted using remote technology. A subsequent entry will address the scheduling of the local public hearings and publication of notice of the hearings.

{¶ 13} It is, therefore,

{¶ 14} ORDERED, That all objections to the Second Staff Report be filed by February 12, 2021. It is, further,

{¶ 15} ORDERED, That all direct expert testimony be filed by February 12, 2021. It is, further,

{¶ 16} ORDERED, That motions to intervene be filed by February 12, 2021. It is, further,

{¶ 17} ORDERED, That motions to strike objections to the Second Staff Report be filed by February 19, 2021, and memoranda contra motions to intervene, as well as memoranda contra motions to strike objections to the Second Staff Report, be filed by February 26, 2021. It is, further,

{¶ 18} ORDERED, That a prehearing conference be scheduled on March 24, 2021, in accordance with Paragraph 10. It is, further,

{¶ 19} ORDERED, That the evidentiary hearing will begin on April 14, 2021, in accordance with Paragraph 11. It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

/s/Michael L. Williams

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry ordering that all objections to the Second Staff Report be filed by February 12, 2021; ordering that all direct expert testimony be filed by February 12, 2021; ordering that motions to intervene be filed by February 12, 2021; ordering that motions to strike objections to the Second Staff Report be filed by February 19, 2021, and memoranda contra motions to intervene, as well as memoranda contra motions to strike objections to the Second Staff Report, be filed by February 26, 2021; ordering that a prehearing conference be scheduled on March 24, 2021; and, ordering that the evidentiary hearing will begin on April 14, 2021 electronically filed by Heather A Chilcote on behalf of Michael L. Williams, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio