

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
COPLEY BUSINESS CENTER LLC FOR AN  
INCREASE IN RATES AND CHARGES.

CASE NO. 22-489-WS-AIR

### ENTRY

Entered in the Journal on October 28, 2022

{¶ 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} Copley Business Center, LLC (Copley or Applicant) is a waterworks company as defined by R.C. 4905.03(G), 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 May 9, 2022, Applicant filed an abbreviated application to increase its rates for sewage disposal service, pursuant to R.C. 4909.18.

{¶ 4} On July 19, 2022, Staff filed a review and recommendation. Staff indicated that it reviewed the May 9, 2022 application, and that the application 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 May 9, 2022.

{¶ 5} On July 27, 2022, the Commission found that (1) Applicant's application met the SFR, (2) Applicant's request to establish the test period as January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021, and the date certain as July 1, 2021, was reasonable and should be granted, (3) the application was accepted as of the filing date of May 9, 2022, and (4) Applicant's requested waivers of R.C. 4909.18(A) through (E) were reasonable and should be granted.

{¶ 6} On August 29, 2022, Copley filed proof of publication of its rate increase.

{¶ 7} On October 18, 2022, pursuant to R.C. 4909.19, Staff filed a report of its investigation of the facts, exhibits, and matters relating to Copley's application (Staff Report). Copies of the Staff Report were mailed to Copley and other persons the Commission deemed to be interested in the case.

{¶ 8} Pursuant to R.C. 4909.19 and Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-28(B), all objections to the 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 November 17, 2022, in accordance with Ohio Adm.Code 4901-1-29.

{¶ 10} Motions to strike objections to the Staff Report should be filed by November 28, 2022; memorandum contra motions to intervene, as well as memorandum contra motions to strike objections to the Staff Report, should be filed by December 9, 2022. 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 telephonic prehearing conference will be held on January 4, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. 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 January 25, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Commission, 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-D, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. All parties or interested persons should register at the lobby desk and then proceed to the 11th floor in order to participate in the hearing. A subsequent entry will

address the scheduling of the local public hearing and the publication of notice of the hearing.

{¶ 13} It is, therefore,

{¶ 14} ORDERED, That all direct expert testimony be filed by November 17, 2022. It is, further,

{¶ 15} ORDERED, That motions to intervene be filed by November 17, 2022. It is, further,

{¶ 16} ORDERED, That all objections to the Staff Report be filed by November 17, 2022. It is, further,

{¶ 17} ORDERED, That motions to strike objections to the Staff Report be filed by November 28, 2022, and memoranda contra motions to intervene, as well as memoranda contra motions to strike objections to the Staff Report, be filed by December 9, 2022. It is, further,

{¶ 18} ORDERED, That a prehearing conference be scheduled on January 4, 2023, in accordance with Paragraph 11. It is, further,

{¶ 19} ORDERED, That the evidentiary hearing will begin on January 25, 2023, in accordance with Paragraph 12. It is, further,

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

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

/s/Jesse M. Davis

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Summary: Attorney Examiner Entry that all direct expert testimony be filed by November 17, 2022; motions to intervene be filed by November 17, 2022; all objections to the Staff Report be filed by November 17, 2022; motions to strike objections to the Staff Report be filed by November 28, 2022; memoranda contra motions to intervene, as well as memoranda contra motions to strike objections to the Staff Report, be filed by December 9, 2022; a prehearing teleconference be scheduled for January 4, 2023 at 10: a.m. and an evidentiary hearing will begin on January 25, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Commission, 11th Floor, Hearing Room 11-D, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 electronically filed by Ms. Donielle M. Hunter on behalf of Jesse M. Davis, Attorney Examiner, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio