

BEFORE

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO

In the Matter of the Application of Cordell )  
 Regional Utilities, Inc. for an Increase in Rates ) Case No. 01-1440-WS-AIR  
 and Charges. )

ENTRY

The attorney examiner finds:

- (1) The Commission has caused an investigation to be made of the facts set forth in Cordell Regional Utilities, Inc. (Cordell or applicant) application in this case, the exhibits attached thereto, and of the matters connected with the application.
- (2) The evidentiary hearing shall commence on February 21, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., Room 11-F, at the offices of the Commission, 180 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.
- (3) Section 4903.083, Revised Code, requires that the Commission hold at least one session of the public hearing within the applicant's service territory, and further requires that at least one session of the hearing be held after 5:00 p.m. Accordingly, the local public hearing will be conducted on Tuesday, February 19, 2002, at 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers, 4035 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123.
- (4) The applicant should publish notice of the local public hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the affected service territory once each week for two consecutive weeks prior to the scheduled date of the local hearing. The notice should not appear in the legal notice section of the newspaper. The notice should read as follows:

NOTICE

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio has scheduled a local public hearing in Case No. 01-1440-WS-AIR, In the Matter of the Application of Cordell Regional Utilities, Inc. for an Increase in Rates and Charges. The local public hearing is scheduled for the purpose of providing an opportunity to interested members of the public to testify in this proceeding. The local public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 19, 2002, at 6:00 p.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers, 4035 Broadway, Grove City, Ohio 43123. By its application, Cordell Regional Utilities, Inc. seeks a rate increase, which would generate approximately \$15,349 or 17.5 percent over current revenues. The staff of the Commission recommends a revenue increase range between \$3,896 and \$5,332.

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The major issues in this case raised are:

- (a) The appropriate rate base;
- (b) The determination of revenues and operating expenses, including unaccounted-for-water, labor, rate case, tank painting and income tax expenses;
- (c) The rate structure, rate of return and tariff language, including level of customer charges and residential customer rates; and
- (d) Quality of service, compliance with prior rate case, and service procedures.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, 180 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3793, the PUCO website at <http://www.puc.state.oh.us>, or the Commission's hotline at 1-800-686-7826.

It is, therefore,

ORDERED, That the evidentiary hearing be held as set forth in Finding (2). It is, further,

ORDERED, That the local public hearing be held as set forth in Finding (3). It is, further,

ORDERED, That notice of the local public hearing be published by the applicant as directed in Finding (4). It is, further,

ORDERED, That a copy of this entry be served on the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Water Section and all parties of record.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO



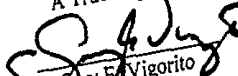
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