COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF RIVER ROAD DISPOSAL SYSTEM)FOR AN ADJUSTMENT OF RATES PURSUANT TO THE)CASE NO.ALTERNATIVE RATE FILING PROCEDURE FOR)2001-239SMALL UTILITIES))

<u>ORDER</u>

On July 31, 2001, River Road Disposal System ("River Road") requested permission to deviate from the requirements of Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:076, Section 1. Upon review of the application and the supporting information attached thereto, it appears to the Commission as follows:

This is an application for a rate increase filed by River Road under the alternative rate adjustment procedure for small utilities. To be eligible for a rate adjustment under this procedure, Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:076 requires the utility to have on file with the Commission an annual report for the past year and the two previous years. While River Road filed its annual report for the past year, which was prepared with the assistance of Commission Staff, it did not file a report for each of the two previous years. River Road states that it is a small utility that cannot afford to employ professional assistance to prepare its annual report. According to financial data in its application that was taken from its 2000 annual report, River Road's operating revenue in 2000 was not sufficient to offset its operating expenses and it sustained a net loss last year of \$655.62.

Having reviewed the financial information filed with the application, the Commission finds that it is sufficient to adequately review River Road's application and that there is good cause to deviate from the requirements of the regulation.

This Commission being otherwise sufficiently advised, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the request to deviate from the annual report filing requirements of Administrative Regulation 807 KAR 5:076, Section 1, is granted.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 20th day of August, 2001.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director