COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF P.R. WASTEWATER)
MANAGEMENT, INC. FOR A RATE ADJUSTMENT) CASE NO.
PURSUANT TO THE ALTERNATIVE RATE FILING) 99-331
PROCEDURE FOR SMALL UTILITIES)

ORDER

On August 3, 1999, P.R. Wasterwater Management, Inc. ("P.R.") filed an application for Commission approval to increase its monthly flat rate of \$17.69 by \$8.61 to \$26.30 or 48.67 percent. The proposed rates will generate additional annual revenues of \$13,683, an increase of 58.07 percent above normalized operating revenues.

By Order dated September 17, 1999, the Commission issued a Staff Report that was prepared upon review of P.R.'s test-year operations. Staff's report recommended that P.R.'s requested increase be granted. The Order directed all parties to file comments on the Staff Report or request a hearing or informal conference within 10 days of the date of the Order or the case would stand submitted. The Commission received comments from several of the intervenors.

On November 18, 1999, an informal conference was scheduled to discuss P.R.'s application, Staff's report and the comments thereto. Present at the conference were members of Commission Staff, Lawren Just and Lisa Bush of P.R., David Spenard from the Office of Attorney General, and Intervenors John Mann and Joe Burkhardt. Intervenors Pattie Headie and Marie Edwards were not in attendance.

A memorandum summarizing the discussion at the conference was entered into the record and delivered to all parties on January 19, 2000. The memorandum noted that all intervening parties present at the conference would agree to the contents of the Staff Report if P.R. agreed to submit a rate application once 170 single-family residences are occupied or under construction or in three years, whichever first occurs. P. R. agreed. Commission Staff advised the parties that if a Settlement Agreement was entered into, it must include all parties of record, including those not in attendance at the conference. To date the Commission has not received a Settlement Agreement.

On March 17, 2000, the Commission issued an Order stating that any party desiring a public hearing in this matter should file a written request within 10 days or the case would stand submitted. No such request was received.

The Commission, having considered the evidence of record and being otherwise sufficiently advised, finds that:

- 1. The recommendations and findings contained in the Staff Report are supported by the evidence of record, are reasonable, and should be adopted as the findings of the Commission.
- 2. The rates set forth in Appendix A will produce annual revenue from sewer service of \$37,246.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

- 1. The findings contained in the Staff Report are adopted and incorporated by reference into this Order as if fully set out herein.
- 2. The rates set forth in Appendix A are approved for service rendered by P.R. on and after the date of this Order.

3. Within 30 days of the date of this Order, P.R. shall file with the Commission its revised tariff setting out the rates approved herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 18th day of May, 2000.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Deputy Executive Director

APPENDIX A

APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 99-331 DATED MAY 18, 2000

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers in the area served by P.R. Wastewater Management, Inc. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of the Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

Monthly Sewer Rates

Residential NonResidential \$26.30 26.30 per residential equivalent of 12,000 gallons