BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

October 1, 1996

IN RE

APPLICATION OF)
CARTWRIGHT CREEK UTILITY)
COMPANY, INC. TO)
INCREASE ITS RATES)

NO. 96-00758

AGREED ORDER

This matter is before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority upon the Petition of Cartwright Creek Utility Company, Inc. (Cartwright Creek or Petitioner) for an increase in monthly sewer service rates and tap fees for both residential and non-residential customers. A Petition to Intervene was filed by the Consumer Advocate Division of the office of the Attorney General (Consumer Advocate) and the Petition was granted.

The matter was set for hearing, duly noticed and heard by the Directors of the Regulatory Authority in the hearing room at 460 James Roberson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee, on September 17, 1996.

At the hearing the following appearances were made: Gail Pigg, Attorney at Law, 219 Second Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37201, appearing on behalf of Cartwright Creek Utility Company, Petitioner; and David W. Yates, Associate Consumer Advocate, Consumer Advocate Division, Office of Attorney General, 404 James Robertson Parkway, Suite 1504, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0500.

Petitioner is a public utility under T.C.A. §65-4-101 that holds a certificate of convenience and necessity to operate as a sewer utility within the Seventh Civil District of Williamson County. On April 16, 1996, Cartwright Creek filed a Petition requesting that all monthly sewer service rates for residential and non-residential customers be increased by 15% each year for the next three years.

At the hearing, it was announced by David Yates, Consumer Advocate, that after extensive review and investigation, Counsel for the Company and the Consumer Advocate had reached an agreement for an increase of 12.1% per year over a three year period for both residential and non-residential units. Said agreement is evidenced by signature of counsel hereto. Counsel for Company stated further that the increase in years two and three would save the Company the added expense involved with subsequent filings.

After consideration of the record and statements and arguments of counsel, the Regulatory Authority found that the stipulated increase of 12.1% per year over a three year period should be granted, i.e., 12.1% for the first year, beginning October 1, 1996; an increase of 12.1% beginning October 1, 1997; and an increase of 12.1% beginning October 1, 1998.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Petition of Cartwright Creek Utility Company, Inc. for an increase of 15% per year in rates over the next three years is hereby denied, but that an increase of 12.1% per year for the next three years is hereby granted.

2. That the increase in rates as agreed to by Cartwright Creek and the Consumer Advocate and as set out below is hereby approved as just and reasonable.

MONTHLY RATES

1 -	Bedroom Residential	16.19
2 -	Bedroom Residential	20.46
3 -	Bedroom Residential	23.87
4 -	Bedroom Residential	27.70
5 -	Bedroom Residential	31.11
Non-Residential - per 1,000 gallons per month		2.63

- 3. That the rates hereby approved shall be effective for service rendered on or after October 1, 1996. Thereafter, the rates for both residential and non-residential service shall be increased October 1, 1997 by 12.1 percent and shall be increased October 1, 1998 by 12.1 percent.
 - 4. The Company shall file appropriate tariffs to reflect these increases.
- 5. That any party aggrieved with the decision of the Regulatory Authority in this matter may file a Petition for Reconsideration with the Authority within ten (10) days from and after the date of this Order.

6. That any party aggrieved with the decision of the Regulatory Authority in this matter has the right of judicial review by filing a Petition for Review in the Tennessee Court of Appeals, Middle Section, within sixty (60) days from and after the date of this Order.

Attest:

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

CHAIRMA

DIRECTOR

DIRECTOR

Approved for Entry:

GAIL P. PIGG, #2491

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