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CANTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES

DOCKET NO. 2016-UN-253

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IN RE: NOTICE OF INTENT OF CANTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES TO
SEEK AUTHORIZATION OF MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION FOR RATES PREVIOUSLY LEVIED FOR GAS,
WATER AND SEWER SERVICES WITHIN ITS CERTIFICATED
AREA IN MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

ORDER

THIS DAY before the Mississippi Public Service Commission (“Commission”), *sua sponte*, is the matter of additional information required in the above-styled dockets in order to facilitate the timely and efficient administration of said dockets and to aid the Commission in issuing a final decision in each.¹ The Commission finds that certain data and calculations have not been filed in these dockets, and that the public interest requires the Commission to consider said missing information, described in greater detail below.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Canton Municipal Utilities (“CMU”) provide the Commission with testimony and evidence that addresses the following questions on or before **August 30, 2019**:

1) The Commission last approved a CMU tariff for gas service on February 7, 1994. However, CMU raised rates for its gas service customers without Commission approval effective August 4, 2009, in violation of Miss. Code Ann. § 77-3-37. The Commission granted temporary

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approval to CMU's increased rates for gas service customers on January 30, 2017. Therefore, CMU is ordered to provide a detailed accounting of the total amount of unapproved rates charged to CMU gas customers who fall under the Commission's rate jurisdiction for the period of August 4, 2009 until January 30, 2017.

2) CMU routinely transferred surplus revenues in its utility fund generated by the unapproved rates charged to the Commission's jurisdictional customers to the City of Canton's general municipal fund for non-utility services as well as the Canton Redevelopment Authority. The Commission orders CMU to provide a detailed accounting of the total amount of transfers generated from CMU gas rate collections to the City of Canton or the Canton Redevelopment Authority. The Commission further orders CMU to provide a detailed accounting of the percentage of said transfers attributable to the total amount of unapproved rates charged to CMU gas customers who fall under the Commission's rate jurisdiction for the period of August 4, 2009 until January 30, 2017.

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5) The Commission further orders CMU to provide a detailed accounting of the total amount of transfers generated from CMU sewer rate collections to the City of Canton or the Canton Redevelopment Authority, and the percentage of said transfers attributable to the total amount of rates charged to CMU water customers who fall under the Commission's rate jurisdiction.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the above-detailed questions be fully answered, in writing, with supporting testimony and evidence, on or before **August 30, 2019**.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order shall be effective upon issuance. The Executive Secretary of the Commission is hereby instructed to serve a copy of this order on the parties.

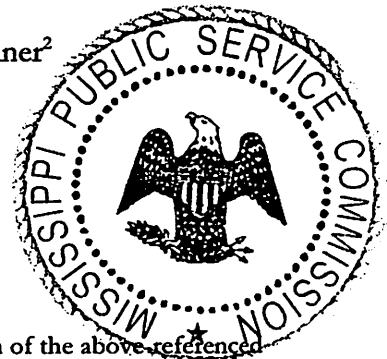
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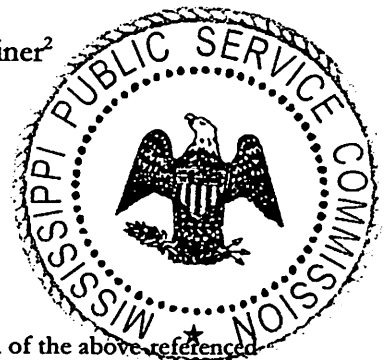


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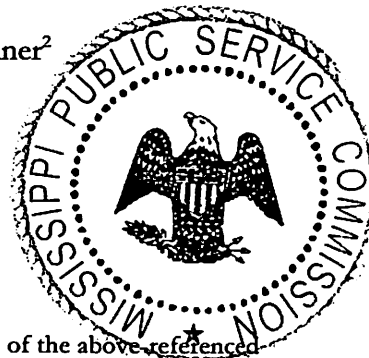


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