

ORIGINAL

STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

VERIFIED JOINT PETITION OF)
EASTERN RICHLAND SEWER) CAUSE NO. 43921
CORPORATION AND NORTHERN)
RICHLAND SEWER CORPORATION) PREHEARING CONFERENCE ORDER
FOR AUTHORITY TO MERGE AND)
CONSOLIDATE OPERATIONS) APPROVED: SEP 22 2010

BY THE COMMISSION:

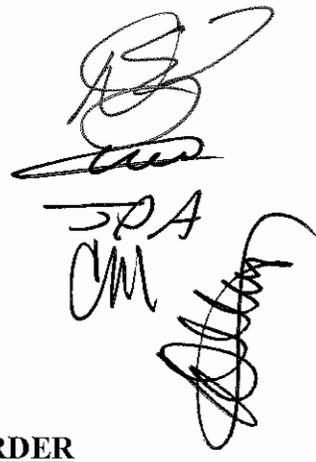
Carolene R. Mays, Commissioner
Jeffery A. Earl, Administrative Law Judge

On July 15, 2010, Eastern Richland Sewer Corporation and Northern Richland Sewer Corporation (jointly "Joint Petitioners") filed their Verified Joint Petition with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (the "Commission") in this matter.

Pursuant to notice and as provided for in 170 IAC 1-1.1-15, a Prehearing Conference in this Cause was held on Friday, September 10, 2010, in Hearing Room 224, 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana at 1:30 p.m. Proofs of publication of the notice of the Prehearing Conference have been incorporated into the record and placed in the official files of the Commission. Joint Petitioners and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor ("Public") appeared and participated at the Prehearing Conference. No members of the general public appeared.

Prior to the opening of the record and with the consent of all parties in attendance, an informal discussion was held regarding procedural and scheduling matters in this Cause. The agreement of the parties was then read into the record. Based upon the agreement of the parties, the Commission now enters the following Findings and Order which shall become a part of the record in this proceeding:

1. **Joint Petitioners' Prefiling Date.** The Joint Petitioners shall prefile with the Commission the prepared testimony and exhibits constituting their case-in-chief on or before September 22, 2010. Copies of same shall be served upon all parties of record.
2. **Public's and Intervenors' Prefiling Date.** The Public and all Intervenors shall prefile with the Commission the prepared testimony and exhibits constituting their respective cases-in-chief on or before November 12, 2010. Copies of same shall be served upon all parties of record.
3. **Joint Petitioners' Rebuttal Prefiling.** The Joint Petitioners shall prefile with the Commission its prepared rebuttal testimony on or before November 24, 2010. Copies of same shall be served upon all parties of record.



4. **Evidentiary Hearing on the Parties' Cases-In-Chief.** In the event this Cause is not settled the cases-in-chief of the Joint Petitioners, Public, and any Intervenors shall be presented in an evidentiary hearing to commence at 9:30 a.m. on December 15, 2010, in Hearing Room 222, 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. At such time, the direct evidence of the respective parties should be presented and their respective witnesses examined. Thereafter, Joint Petitioners should present its prefiled rebuttal evidence as well as any additional evidence rebutting evidence adduced on cross-examination of Public's or Intervenors' witnesses. If the parties reach settlement, the agreement and supporting testimony and exhibits shall be submitted to the Commission no later than five (5) business days prior to the Evidentiary Hearing.

5. **Sworn Testimony.** Any witness testimony to be offered into the record of this proceeding shall be made under oath or affirmation. In accordance with 170 IAC 1-1.1-18(h), if the prefiled testimony of a witness is to be offered into evidence at the Evidentiary Hearing, and the witness sponsoring the prefiled testimony is not required to, and does not, attend the Evidentiary Hearing, the prefiled testimony shall be accompanied by the witness's sworn affidavit or written verification at the time the evidence is offered into the record.

6. **Discovery.** Discovery is available for all parties and shall be conducted on an informal basis. Prior to the filing of Joint Petitioners' rebuttal testimony, any response or objection to a discovery request shall be made within ten (10) calendar days of the receipt of such request. After the filing of Joint Petitioners' rebuttal testimony, any response or objection to a discovery request shall be made within four (4) business days of the receipt of such request.

7. **Prefiling of Workpapers.** When pre-filing technical evidence with the Commission, each party shall concurrently file copies of the work papers used to produce that evidence. Copies of same shall also be provided to any other party requesting such in writing. When submitting workpapers to the Commission, two (2) copies of each document shall be filed with the Secretary of the Commission.

8. **Number of Copies/Corrections.** With the exception of work papers, the parties shall file with the Commission an original and five (5) copies of all prefiled testimony and exhibits. Any corrections to prefiled testimony shall be made in writing as soon as possible after discovery of the need to make such corrections. Although the Commission's rules require that original copies be one-sided, it is the Commission's preference that duplicate copies use both sides of the paper.

Parties may also elect to file documents with the Commission using the Commission's Electronic Filing System in lieu of filing paper documents. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Electronic Filing System, documents filed electronically are deemed filed the date they are submitted, subject to verification and acceptance by the Commission, and will receive an electronic file stamp. For filings greater than thirty (30) pages in length, a party shall file with the Commission an original and one (1) paper copy within two (2) business days of the electronic filing. When supplying such copies, the party must provide a copy of the email reflecting the electronic filing was accepted by the Commission.

9. **Objections to Prefiled Testimony and Exhibits.** Any objections to the admissibility of prefiled testimony or exhibits shall be filed with the Commission and served on all parties of record no less than two (2) business days prior to the date scheduled for commencement of the hearing at which the testimony or exhibit will be offered into the record.

10. **Intervenors.** Any party permitted to become an Intervenor in this Cause shall be bound by the record as it stands at the time its Petition to Intervene is granted, pursuant to 170 IAC 1-1.1-11.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION that:

1. The determinations of the Prehearing Conference set forth in this Order are made a part of the record in this Cause and shall be binding on all present and future parties of record during the proceedings of this Cause.

2. This Order shall be effective on and after the date of its approval.

HARDY, ATTERHOLT, LANDIS, MAYS AND ZIEGNER CONCUR:

APPROVED: SEP 22 2010

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the Order as approved.



Brenda A. Howe
Secretary to the Commission