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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH	
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF MOUNTAIN SEWER CORPORATION FOR INTERIM RATE INCREASE	APPLICATION FOR INTERIM RATE INCREASE Docket No. 22-097-01

Mountain Sewer Corporation (“**Mountain Sewer**” or “**Company**”), hereby applies to the Public Service Commission of Utah (“**Commission**”), pursuant to Utah Code Annotated §54-7-12(4)(a), for an order approving an interim rate increase as proposed in the revised rate schedule set forth below. In support of this Application, Mountain Sewer states as follows:

1. Mountain Sewer has filed concurrently with this Application for an Interim Rate Increase an Application for General Rate Increase to increase the rates charged to Mountain Sewer’s connected and standby customers necessary to generate sufficient revenue to meet the ongoing expenses and obligations of Mountain Sewer.

2. The new rates proposed by the general rate case will become effective only after “issuance of a final order by the [C]ommission concerning the proposed increase.” *See* Utah Code Ann. § 54-7-12(2)(e).

3. However, Utah Code Ann. § 54-7-12(4)(a)(ii) authorizes the Commission to “allow any rate increase . . . proposed by a public utility, or a reasonable part of the rate increase . . . to take effect on an interim basis within 45 days after the day on which the request is filed, subject to the [C]ommission’s right to order a refund or surcharge.”

4. Mountain Sewer’s current rates, as set forth in its currently approved Tariff, are insufficient to meet its monthly ongoing operating expenses, and are insufficient to sustain Mountain Sewer’s operations until the Commission can issue a final order in the general rate case. Mountain Sewer is currently operating at a net loss each month, and is not collecting or setting aside any reserves for future replacement or repair of capital infrastructure. Therefore, Mountain Sewer has an immediate need for approval of interim rates until the Commission can issue an order on the Application for General Rate Increase.

5. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 54-7-12(4)(a), Mountain Sewer hereby requests that the Commission allow the rate increase proposed in the Application for General Rate Increase to take effect no later than 45 days after the date of the filing of this Application for Interim Rate Increase. The requested interim rates are as follows:

Current Rates		Requested Interim Rates	
Total Monthly Fee (connected customers only)	\$68.00	Total Monthly Fee (connected customers only)	\$86.00
Total Standby Fee equal to Fixed System Fee plus Capital Reserve Fee (unconnected customers only)*	\$24.00	Total Standby Fee equal to Fixed System Fee plus Capital Reserve Fee (unconnected customers only)*	\$46.00
Single Connection Fee	\$5,000	Single Connection Fee	\$1,642
Hookup Fee	\$300	Hookup Fee	\$300
Turn On/Off Fee	\$100	Turn On Fee	\$100
Late Fee	18% per annum	Late Fee	18% per annum

6. Mountain Sewer's requested interim rate increase is justified and reasonable and will allow Mountain Sewer to operate at a net gain, meet current obligations, be self-sustaining, and build capital reserves for future repairs and replacement of capital facilities, until the Commission can issue a final order in the general rate case.

7. All information and data supporting the requested interim rates are set forth in more detail in the worksheets and exhibits attached to and made part of the Application for General Rate Increase, which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

WHEREFORE, for good cause shown, Mountain Sewer respectfully requests that the Commission:

1. Enter an order approving Mountain Sewer Corporation's Application for Interim Rate Increase, no later than 45 days from the date of this Application.

Respectfully submitted this 30th day of January 2023

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