

ORDER NO. 90010

Maryland Water Service, Inc's Application for
Authority to Revise and Consolidate Rates for
Water and Sewage Disposal Services

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BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF MARYLAND

CASE NO. 9671

Issue Date: December 16, 2021

**ORDER TO AMEND EFFECTIVE DATE OF PROPOSED RATES AND
MODIFY PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

On December 14, 2021, Maryland Water Service (MWS) submitted to the Commission a motion to amend the effective date of proposed rates and to modify the procedural schedule in this matter ("Motion"). The purpose of the Motion is to change the effective date of the rates proposed in MWS's September 30, 2021 filing from October 30, 2021 to November 30, 2021 to afford the Commission additional time to issue its final Order in the above-captioned matter as the procedural schedule for the matter was extended by the mutual agreement of the parties (to permit additional time for Staff to complete its analysis and submit its direct testimony proposing rates that Staff believes are just and reasonable). The modified procedural schedule proposed in the Motion would allow the Commission until May 27, 2022 to issue a final order in the matter if the Motion is granted. The proposed modifications to the procedural schedule are as follows:

January 21, 2022	Staff/OPC Direct Testimony
February 18, 2022	Rebuttal Testimony (all Parties)
March 2, 2022	Surrebuttal Testimony (Staff/OPC)

March 7-9, 2022	Evidentiary Hearings ¹
March 25, 2022	Briefs due
April 12, 2022	Proposed Order due
April 26, 2022	Notices and Memoranda on Appeal due
May 5, 2022	Reply Memoranda on Appeal due
May 27, 2022	Final Order date

Further, MWS states that it has been authorized by the other parties of record (Technical Staff of the Commission and the Maryland Office of People’s Counsel) to indicate these parties’ mutual support of the Motion.

While the Commission is unable to extend the statutory suspension period set forth in § 4-204(b) of the PUC Article, the Commission may re-set the 150-day suspension date to begin at the requested effective date of November 30, 2021, with the consent of MWS. The Commission treats the Motion as consent of the Company to take such action. Further, pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission under § 4-204(a) of the PUC Article, the Commission will extend this 150-day suspension period for an additional 30-day period as the Commission finds that the matter cannot be completed within the initial 150-day suspension period.

IT IS, THEREFORE, this 16th day of December, in the year Two Thousand Twenty-One, by the Public Service Commission of Maryland,

ORDERED: (1) That the Motion of Maryland Water Service to Amend Effective Date of Proposed Rates and Modify Procedural Schedule filed in this matter on December 14, 2021 is hereby granted as set forth herein;

(2) That the 150-day suspension period for this matter is re-set from October 30, 2021 to November 30, 2021; and

¹ Live rejoinder by MWS shall be limited to issues raised in surrebuttal testimony.

(3) That the 150-day suspension period for this matter is further extended for an additional 30-day period, until May 27, 2022.

By Direction of the Commission,

/s/ Andrew S. Johnston

Andrew S. Johnston
Executive Secretary