

JOURNAL OF THE MEETING OF THE
MSD RATE COMMISSION
JANUARY 21, 2011 2:00 P.M.

The Rate Commission of the District met at the District's offices, 2350 Market Street, St. Louis, Missouri, on the above date. Present at meeting:

Rate Commission

L. Toenjjes, Chair	M. O'Connell, III (excused)
J. Stein, Vice Chair	G. Liyeos
N. Bowser, Secretary	E. Long, Jr. (excused)
T. Post	G. Tomazi (excused)
W. Reeves (excused)	P. Brockmann
M. Seidel	B. Goss
E. Schneider	G. Koenen

Staff

Jeff Theerman, Executive Director
Susan Myers, Acting General Counsel
Karl Tyminski, Secretary-Treasurer
Jan Zimmerman, Director of Finance
Brian Hoelscher, Director of Engineering
Lance LeComb, Manager of Public Information
Pam Bell, Secretary to Executive Director

The meeting was opened pursuant to notice and call.

The Chair stated we have a quorum and welcomed members to the meeting.

Staff updated the commission on the status of the stormwater rate case, treatment plant disinfection requirements and nutrient control, and flooding lawsuits resulting from Hurricane Ike.

The commission questioned how much contingency can be built into the rate case with regards to unplanned issues. Staff replied part of that gets addressed by choosing the proper rate case. Instead of five-years, we are looking at a four-year rate case. This includes known data, in addition to being mindful that things can happen. The commission continued by adding the District should pay close attention to public relations and public engagement during the rate process.

The commission's legal representative reviewed the by-laws of the commission and the process for electing officers. Terms will begin February 1, 2011 for a two-year period, and current officers will serve until successors are appointed. The floor was opened for chair nominations. The commission questioned if Mr. Toenjes, (current chair) was willing to serve another term. Motion was made and seconded for the re-election of all current officers to remain in their respective roles. Motion passed by voice vote, all ayes.

Next, the commission discussed the committee assignments. Lisa Stump reviewed the roles and responsibilities of each committee. The commissioners volunteered to serve on each of the three committees (i.e. technical services, finance, and public affairs)

Staff presented draft RFPs, for legal and rate review services. Staff explained the RFP selection and approval process, which requires a Board action to introduce and adopt. Next, staff presented the previous rate case budget for review. It was explained that the District pays for the cost of the rate case and the case being presented is for wastewater only. The commission also reviewed a timeline of the rate deliberation calendar, including key dates and deadlines. The timeline detailed the entire rate process.

Legal presented an overview of the current rate procedures, which does not include surrebuttals. After a brief discussion, the commission voted to amend the current process to include surrebuttals. This would allow for a 45-day extension to the rate process if needed. Motion passed by voice vote, all ayes.

The minutes of the November 8, 2010 meeting were approved.

Finally, the commission asked staff to give a brief synopsis of what the rate proceedings will look like. Staff responded that the data will be presented at the next scheduled meeting.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Seidel. The meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m.