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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Let's go on the record.

3 Good afternoon, everyone. We're here for a  
4 prehearing conference in Atmos's ACA Case  
5 GR-2008-0364. We'll begin taking entries of  
6 appearance, beginning with Atmos.

7 MR. DORITY: Thank you, Judge.  
8 Appearing on behalf of Atmos Energy Corporation, let  
9 the record reflect the appearance of Larry DORITY and  
10 James Fischer with Fischer & DORITY, PC. Our address  
11 is 101 Madison, Suite 400, Jefferson City, Missouri  
12 65101.

13 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. For Staff.

14 MR. BERLIN: Appearing on behalf of the  
15 Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission,  
16 Robert S. Berlin, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson  
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18 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. For Public  
19 Counsel.

20 MR. POSTON: Thank you. Marc Poston,  
21 appearing for the Office of the Public Counsel and  
22 the public, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri  
23 65102.

24 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. Well, I  
25 scheduled this prehearing conference to give you a

1 chance to get together to discuss a procedural  
2 schedule. I'll ask that you file the procedural  
3 schedule a week from today. That would be the 18th.  
4 And is there anything else anyone wants to bring up  
5 while we're on the record?

6 MR. BERLIN: Judge, I might just, while  
7 we're on the record, state that Staff anticipates the  
8 discovery process, so I think that that would be the  
9 prelude to a procedural schedule, and I think we're  
10 gonna have -- we're going to meet after this  
11 on-the-record prehearing to discuss issues related to  
12 that.

13 JUDGE WOODRUFF: That's fine. Of course  
14 there's no operational law date involved here, so  
15 however quickly or not so quickly you think you can  
16 do it is probably okay with the Commission.

17 MR. DORITY: I would just respond,  
18 Judge, that Mr. Berlin is correct. We do have an  
19 additional meeting later today to talk more about the  
20 issues in the case, and we have circulated a  
21 preliminary draft proposed procedural schedule for  
22 the other parties' consideration, and I think we'll  
23 be talking about that.

24 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay.

25 MR. DORITY: I'm not sure that the

1 discovery necessarily has to be a prelude to filing a  
2 procedural schedule. We may be able to accommodate  
3 that time frame within whatever proposal we would put  
4 forward. So I think at this point maybe we could  
5 leave the one-week proposal in place, and then to the  
6 extent that something changes, we can file a status  
7 report or something with the judge advising of that.

8 JUDGE WOODRUFF: That's what I was  
9 anticipating. And if you can't file -- if you can't  
10 just file a procedural schedule, just file something  
11 a week from now telling me when you can.

12 MR. DORITY: Okay.

13 MR. BERLIN: All right.

14 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Anything from Public  
15 Counsel?

16 MR. POSTON: No, thank you.

17 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. Well, thank  
18 you all very much then. And with that, the  
19 on-the-record portion of this proceeding is  
20 adjourned. Thank you.

21 (Whereupon, the prehearing conference  
22 was concluded.)

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