

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

**In the Matter of Missouri-American )  
Water Company's Filing of Revised )  
Sewer Tariff Sheets to Implement a )  
Capacity Charge for Missouri- )  
American's Warren County and )  
Jefferson County Sewer Districts )**

**Case No. ST-2007-0443**

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION OF ALL PARTIES  
REGARDING CONSOLIDATION OF CASES  
AND PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, on its own behalf and on behalf of Missouri-American Water Company, the Home Builders Association of St. Louis and Eastern Missouri, Inc., and the Office of the Public Counsel, being all of the parties in this case, and submits the Joint Recommendation of All Parties Regarding Consolidation and Proposed Procedural Schedule.

On May 31, 2007, the Commission scheduled a conference, to give the parties an opportunity to discuss Missouri-American's proposed capacity charge tariff sheets and the procedural schedule the Commission should follow in reviewing the said tariff sheets. All parties participated in this early prehearing conference on June 18, 2007. As a result of discussions at the prehearing conference, the parties submit the following recommendations to the Commission.

**Consolidation of Cases.** The parties believe that the issues in this case are interrelated with the issues in Missouri-American's pending sewer and water rate case, Case No. WR-2007-0216, and therefore recommend that the said two cases be consolidated. However, the parties also believe that the issues in this case cannot be satisfactorily addressed in the same time frame

as the rate case, and therefore recommend that the two cases have separate procedural schedules that will allow the Commission to decide both cases at the same time. In order to accomplish this, the parties propose the procedural schedule set forth in the following paragraph.

**Proposed Procedural Schedule.** The parties recommend the following procedural schedule for this case:

July 13, 2007	Direct Testimony by Missouri-American
August 13, 2007	Rebuttal Testimony by all other parties
August 23, 2007	Surrebuttal Testimony by all parties
August 28, 2007	Parties jointly file List of Issues, List of Witnesses, Order of Cross-Examination and Order of Opening Statements
August 29, 2007	All parties file Statements of Position on Issues
September 5, 2007	Evidentiary hearing
September 21, 2007	All parties file posthearing briefs

**Additional Matters.** In order to enable the parties to prepare and file their testimony on the schedule proposed above, the parties further request, pursuant to Rule 4 CSR 240-2.090 (2), that the Commission order the parties to respond to data requests within ten days after receipt thereof.

In order to enable the parties to prepare and file their posthearing briefs by September 21, as proposed above, the parties further request that the Commission order that transcripts of the evidentiary hearing be prepared on an expedited basis, to be available by no later than the end of the third business day following completion of the evidentiary hearing.

**WHEREFORE,** the Staff, on behalf of all parties, respectfully submits this Joint Recommendation of All Parties Regarding Consolidation of Cases and Proposed Procedural Schedule for the Commission's consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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