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OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

Prehearing Conference

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Manager of the Manufactured Housing)
and Modular Units Program of the)
Public Service Commission)
Complainant,)
vs.) Case No.
Amega Sales, Inc.) MC-2005-0145
d/b/a Columbia Discount Homes,)
Respondent.)

RONALD D. PRIDGIN, presiding,
Regulatory Law Judge

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1 PROCEEDINGS

2 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Good morning. We are on the
3 record. This is the prehearing conference for Case No.
4 MC-2005-0145, Manager of the Manufactured Housing and Modular
5 Units Program of the Public Service Commission versus Amega
6 Sales, Incorporated, doing business as Columbia Discount
7 Homes.

8 I am Ron Pridgin. I'm the Regulatory Law
9 Judge assigned to preside over this hearing, or the
10 prehearing conference. It's being held on January 27th,
11 2005, at the Governor Office Building in Jefferson City,
12 Missouri. The time is 10:00 in the morning. If I could, I
13 would like to get entries of appearance from counsel
14 beginning with the Manager of the Manufacturing Housing and
15 Modular Units Program, please.

16 MS. WESTON: My name is Mary Weston. I
17 represent the Manager of the Manufactured Housing and Modular
18 Units Program. My address is 200 Madison Street, Jefferson
19 City, Missouri, 65102.

20 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Ms. Weston, thank you. On
21 behalf of Amega Sales, doing business as Columbia Discount
22 Homes.

23 MR. TAYLOR: My name is Garrett Taylor with
24 Van Matre and Harrison. Our offices are located at 1103 East
25 Broadway, Suite 101, in Columbia, Missouri.

1 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Taylor, thank you. Just
2 for my benefit, do you or your clients prefer to be called
3 Amega or Columbia Discount Homes?

4 MR. TAYLOR: Amega Sales or Amega is fine.

5 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. Great. Anything
6 anybody needs to bring to my attention before I proceed?

7 MS. WESTON: No, Judge.

8 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. Thank you. Hearing
9 nothing, I just want to alert the parties that the purpose of
10 the prehearing conference is two-fold, and No. 1 is that we
11 get the parties in the same room together at least one time
12 to see that they look each other in the eye and try to settle
13 this matter.

14 The other reason is that in case you don't
15 come upon a settlement, it is for you to start discussing
16 dates for filing testimony and for hearing dates. I have a
17 calendar up on the 9th floor, which will show available
18 dates, and you are -- I encourage you to consult that
19 calendar in case you need to look for dates.

20 My office is also up on the 9th floor, if you
21 have any scheduling questions, anything of that nature. You
22 have access to this room until 5 o'clock this evening, so you
23 can use this to confer. I don't know that I have anything
24 else.

25 If I'm not mistaken, Amega has a separate case

1 pending at the Circuit Court of Cole County, is that correct,
2 or are you -- are you even aware?

3 MR. TAYLOR: That is correct.

4 JUDGE PRIDGIN: A similar case to this?

5 MR. TAYLOR: It is in regards to the facts, I
6 am not sure if it's similar, but there is a case pending.

7 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. But it's a complaint
8 from the manufactured housing unit?

9 MR. TAYLOR: I believe that's correct.

10 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. Do you know -- and I'll
11 listen to either of you -- do you know if the resolution of
12 that case would somehow impact this case or not? Hard to
13 say?

14 MS. WESTON: Can I defer to Keith Krueger on
15 that?

16 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Sure, Mr. Krueger.

17 MR. KRUEGER: I don't think it would, the
18 issues aren't identical.

19 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay.

20 MR. KRUEGER: The litigation in Cole County is
21 sort of complex, actually.

22 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay.

23 MR. KRUEGER: But there was a Writ of
24 Prohibition issued, and I don't think that that would bear on
25 this case. Amega may have a different view.

1 JUDGE PRIDGIN: I understand.

2 MR. KRUEGER: And then there's also been a
3 Writ of Review filed there, but I don't think that -- I don't
4 think that would affect the outcome in this case.

5 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay. And the only reason I
6 brought that up is if you thought that that case would
7 somehow impact this one, that you might want to keep that in
8 mind as far as scheduling dates for hearings and what have
9 you that the resolution of that case, you know, may impact
10 your strategy or may make this case go away or whatever. If
11 it doesn't, that's perfectly fine, I just wanted to alert you
12 that I know that this case isn't in a vacuum, you have other
13 cases that may or may not impact this one.

14 I believe that's all I have for the parties.
15 Is there anything else the parties have for me?

16 MS. WESTON: No, your Honor.

17 MR. TAYLOR: No, your Honor.

18 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. If there's nothing
19 further, that will conclude this prehearing conference.
20 Again, you're free to use this room until 5 o'clock. I'm
21 available up on the 9th floor as well as the hearing
22 calendar. That will conclude this prehearing conference.
23 Thank you, and we are off-the-record.

24 WHEREUPON, the recorded portion of the
25 prehearing conference was concluded.

