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RE: WR-2000-281, et al.

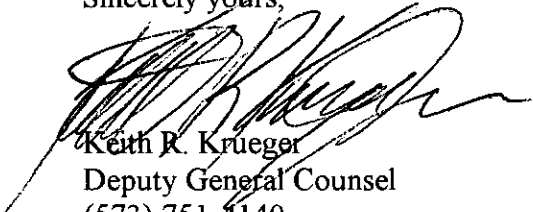
Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and fourteen (14) conformed copies of a **MOTION TO AMEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE BY ADDING ONE ADDITIONAL DAY TO PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT.**

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,


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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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Missouri Public
Service Commission

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water)
Company's Tariff Sheets Designed to)
Implement General Rate Increases for)
Water and Sewer Service Provided to)
Customers in the Missouri Service Area of)
the Company)

Case No. WR-2000-281, et al.

MOTION TO AMEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
BY ADDING ONE ADDITIONAL DAY TO PREHEARING CONFERENCE
AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), and for its Motion to Amend Procedural Schedule by Adding One Additional Day to Prehearing Conference and Request for Expedited Treatment, states to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as follows:

1. On December 27, 1999, the Commission issued its Order Adopting Procedural Schedule, in which, among other things, it scheduled a prehearing conference for April 3-7, 2000.
2. On April 4, 2000, the Commission issued its Order Amending Procedural Schedule, in which it rescheduled the prehearing conference to April 17-19, 2000, and April 21, 2000. The Commission stated that no room was available for April 20, 2000, so the prehearing conference could not be held on that day, and it was therefore necessary to reduce the prehearing conference to four days.
3. Subsequent to April 4, 2000, the Staff has been able to reserve Room 520A of the Harry S. Truman Building for April 20, 2000, for the purpose of conducting the prehearing

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conference. The Staff has also reserved other, smaller, rooms, which the parties can utilize throughout the week of April 17-21, 2000, if they choose to break into smaller groups to discuss issues in this case.

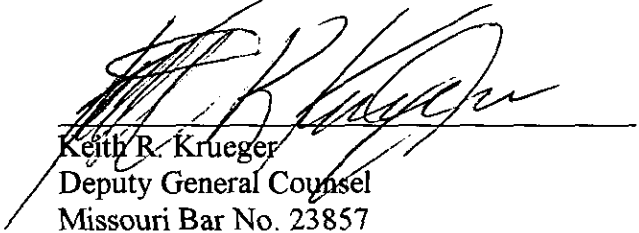
4. There are many important issues to discuss at the prehearing conference in this case. The Staff believes that the parties would benefit from having five full days available for the prehearing conference, and that the schedule should therefore be modified again, to include April 20, 2000 among the dates for the prehearing conference. The Staff further believes that even if five full days are not required, it would be inconvenient for the parties (especially for those traveling to Jefferson City from out of town) to interrupt the prehearing conference after April 19, and to resume it on April 21. The Staff believes it would be more convenient for all parties to begin the prehearing conference on April 17, and to continue uninterrupted until it is concluded, if possible.

5. The Staff is filing this nonunanimous motion on April 11, 2000. According to Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(12), all other parties would have ten days, or until April 21, to respond to this Motion. However, if the Commission waits until April 21 to rule on this Motion, it would defeat the purpose of the Motion. The Staff therefore requests that the Commission give all parties an opportunity to respond to this Motion on April 17, at the beginning of the prehearing conference, and that if no party opposes this Motion, that the Commission then enter an order modifying the procedural schedule by adding April 20 as an additional day for the prehearing conference.

WHEREFORE, the Staff requests that the Commission modify the procedural schedule by adding April 20, 2000, as an additional day for the prehearing in this case, and that it grant this Motion on April 17, 2000, after giving all parties an opportunity to respond to this Motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 11th day of April 2000.



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