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

In the Matter of the Request of House Springs     )  
Sewer Company, Inc., for a Rate Increase Under    ) Case No. SR-2000-302  
the Small Company Rate Increase Procedure.        )

**ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**  
**AND REQUIRING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

On October 29, 1999, House Springs Sewer Company, Inc. (HSSC), filed its motion for leave to pursue a rate increase via the Commission's Small Company Rate Increase Procedure despite its delinquency with respect to its annual reports and annual assessments. On November 4, 1999, the Office of the Public Counsel responded in opposition to HSSC's motion and the Staff of the Public Service Commission (Staff) responded in support.

This matter is now at issue and a prehearing conference and procedural schedule are appropriate to ensure its prompt resolution. At the prehearing conference, the parties' representatives should be prepared to discuss the nature of any discovery each will conduct and the interval necessary for its completion; the number of witnesses each expects to call at hearing; the number and nature of any exhibits each expects to offer at hearing; and the anticipated length of the hearing. The parties' representatives should also be prepared to discuss the current status of settlement negotiations. It is expected that the prehearing conference will provide an opportunity for the parties to further pursue settlement discussions.

The parties shall jointly file a proposed procedural schedule. The proposed procedural schedule shall establish dates for the prefiling of direct, rebuttal and surrebuttal testimony according to Commission rule, as well as a date for the filing of the list of issues and the parties' position papers. The proposed procedural schedule shall also establish dates for the hearing of this matter.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That a prehearing conference shall be held on November 30, 1999, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The prehearing conference shall be held at the Commission's offices on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. Anyone wishing to attend who has special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days before the prehearing conference at: Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.

2. That the parties shall jointly prepare and file a proposed procedural schedule no later than December 7, 1999.

3. That this order shall become effective on November 23,  
1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

( S E A L )



Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief  
Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation  
of authority pursuant to 4 CSR  
240-2.120(1) (November 30, 1995) and  
Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 10th of November, 1999.

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