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Staff responded. Staff did not state a date certain as directed by the order of July 27, 1999, but rather suggested that the Commission hold a prehearing conference soon after the close of the intervention period on August 16.

A prehearing conference shall be held on September 20, 1999. At that conference, Staff shall be prepared to state a date certain on which its recommendation will be filed. Staff shall also be prepared to state, on September 20, 1999, whether or not a hearing is likely to be necessary in this matter. If a hearing is necessary, the parties shall jointly prepare and file a proposed procedural schedule no later than September 27, 1999.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That a prehearing conference shall be held on September 20, 1999, beginning at 10:00 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 September 27, 1999.

3. That this order shall become effective on September 14,
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 14th of September, 1999.

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