

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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CASE NO: WM-2001-309

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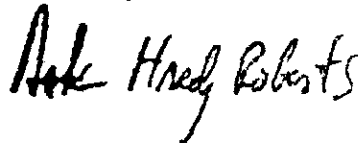
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application)
of Missouri-American Water Company, St.)
Louis County Water Company d/b/a)
Missouri-American Water Company and)
Jefferson City Water Works Company)
d/b/a Missouri-American Water Company)
for Authority to Merge St. Louis County)
Water Company d/b/a Missouri-American)
Water Company and Jefferson City Water)
Works Company d/b/a Missouri-American)
Water Company with and into)
Missouri-American Water Company and, in)
Connection therewith Certain Other)
Related Transactions)

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ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On September 21, 2000, the Staff of the Commission, on behalf of all the parties, filed a proposed procedural schedule. The Commission will adopt this schedule, and apply the following conditions:

(A) The Commission will require the prefiling of testimony as defined in 4 CSR 240-2.130. All parties shall comply with this rule, including the requirement that testimony be filed on line-numbered pages. The practice of prefiling testimony is designed to give parties notice of the claims, contentions and evidence in issue and to avoid unnecessary objections and delays caused by allegations of unfair surprise at the hearing.

(B) Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.130(15), testimony and schedules shall not be filed under seal and treated as proprietary or highly confidential unless the Commission has first established a protective order. Any

testimony or schedule filed without a protective order first being established shall be considered public information.

(C) The parties shall agree upon and the Staff shall file a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing and the order in which they shall be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness. Any issue not contained in this list of issues will be viewed as uncontested and not requiring resolution by the Commission.

(D) Each party shall file a statement of its position on each disputed issue. Such statement shall be simple and concise, and shall not contain argument about why the party believes its position to be the correct one.

(E) The Commission's general policy provides for the filing of the transcript within two weeks after the hearing. If any party seeks to expedite the filing of the transcript, such request shall be tendered in writing to the regulatory law judge at least five days prior to the date of the hearing.

(F) All pleadings, briefs and amendments shall be filed in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.080. Briefs shall follow the same list of issues as filed in the case and shall set forth and cite the proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission.

(G) All parties are required to bring an adequate number of copies of exhibits which they intend to offer into evidence at the hearing. If an exhibit has been prefiled, only three copies of the exhibit are necessary for the court reporter. If an exhibit has not been prefiled, the party offering it should bring, in addition to the three copies for the court

reporter, copies for the five Commissioners, the regulatory law judge, and all counsel.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following procedural schedule is established for this case:

Second Prehearing conference	April 10, 2001 10:00 A.M.
Direct testimony	May 1, 2001 3:00 P.M.
Rebuttal testimony	June 26, 2001 3:00 P.M.
Third Prehearing conference	July 11, 2001 10:00 A.M.
Surrebuttal testimony	August 15, 2001 3:00 P.M.
List of issues, order of witnesses, and order of cross-examination	August 21, 2001
Statements of position	August 24, 2001
Evidentiary hearing	September 10-11, 2001 8:30 A.M.

The prehearing conference and hearing will be held on the ground floor of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in the hearing or prehearing conference, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or 1-800-829-7541 (TDD) prior to the hearing, prehearing or local public hearing.

2. That this order shall become effective on April 12, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

(S E A L)

Lewis Mills, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 2nd day of April, 2001.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 2nd day of April 2001.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

