BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of Missouri Public Service's)	
tariff sheets to be reviewed in its 1992-)	CASE NO. GR-93-189
1993 Actual Cost Adjustment.)	

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On October 27, 1994, the parties to this case met in an early prehearing conference during which they agreed upon a proposed procedural schedule which was filed with the Commission on November 7, 1994. After reviewing the motion and the Commission's calendar, the Commission finds the proposed schedule to be appropriate and will approve and adopt it as set out in the ordered paragraphs below.

The Commission will require the prefiling of testimony as defined in 4 CSR 240-2.130. The practice of prefiling testimony is designed to give parties notice, at the earliest reasonable opportunity, of the claims, contentions, and evidence in issue and to avoid unnecessary objections and delays in the proceedings caused by allegations of unfair surprise at the hearing. Nothing in this order, or in any other order in this case, shall preclude a party from addressing, or having a reasonable opportunity to address, relevant matters not previously disclosed and arising at the hearing. The Commission, in its discretion and for good cause shown, may waive strict application of these requirements.

The procedural schedule includes a prehearing conference to allow the parties the opportunity to resolve substantive issues and consider the matters described in 4 CSR 240-2.090(6). The parties shall also use the prehearing conference to eliminate issues which can be resolved through updating a party's case, clarifying misunderstandings,

explaining an issue's interrelationship with other issues, and correcting clerical or arithmetic errors.

The parties shall file a hearing memorandum setting out the issues to be heard and the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing, definitions of terms used in describing the issues, each party's position on the issues and, where applicable, quantification of the amount in dispute for each issue. The Commission wishes to emphasize the importance of the deadline for filing the hearing memorandum. The Commission Staff will be responsible for preparing and filing the hearing memorandum and, unless the Commission orders otherwise, the hearing memorandum shall be filed by 3:00 p.m. on the date set. Each party is expected to provide Staff with its position on each unresolved issue in time for Staff to meet the filing deadline.

The Commission believes it is appropriate to limit the length of initial briefs to 100 pages and reply briefs to 50 pages. All pleadings, briefs and amendments shall be filed in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.080(7).

The Commission has determined that all prefiled testimony, briefs and reply briefs in this case shall be filed by 3:00 p.m. on the date they are scheduled to be filed.

The Commission's policy is that the transcript of a hearing will be filed within two weeks after the hearing is concluded. Any party wishing to expedite the filing of the transcript shall submit a written request to the Hearing Examiner at least five days before the hearing date. The Hearing Examiner, in consultation with the Chief Hearing Reporter, will determine whether preparation of the transcript can, and should, be expedited.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the following procedural schedule be adopted for this proceeding:

Missouri Public Service's direct December 9, 1994 testimony due: 3:00 p.m.

Staff's Rebuttal testimony January 6, 1995 due: 3:00 p.m.

Prehearing conference January 24, 1995 10:00 a.m.

Hearing Memorandum due: February 8, 1995

3:00 p.m.

Missouri Public Service's February 17, 1995 Surrebuttal testimony due: 3:00 p.m.

Evidentiary hearing February 23-24, 1995 10:00 a.m.

The prehearing conference will 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. Any person with special needs as addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act shall notify the Chief Hearing Examiner (314)751-7497 at least ten (10) days prior to the prehearing conference.

- 2. That testimony, attachments, and schedules shall be filed in the form and quantity prescribed by 4 CSR 240-2.080 and shall be marked and filed only as prescribed by 4 CSR 240-2.130.
- 3. That all counsel shall comply with the terms of 4 CSR 240-4.020 and shall report to the Commission all violations by any party of this rule, or of any other Commission rule.
- 4. That initial briefs filed in this case shall be no longer than one hundred (100) pages and reply briefs shall be no longer than fifty (50) pages, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

- 5. That requests for expedited transcripts shall be made as described in this order.
- 6. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

David L. Rauch Executive Secretary

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Anne Wickliffe Freeman, Hearing Examiner, by delegation of authority under Commission Directive of August 16, 1994, pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 1986.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 14th day of November, 1994.