

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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CASE NO: WO-2002-226

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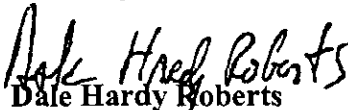
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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

In the Matter of the Application of the City of Pacific,)
Missouri, and Public Water Supply District No. 3 of)
Franklin County, Missouri, for Approval of a Territorial)
Agreement Concerning Territory Encompassing Part)
of Franklin County, Missouri) **Case No. WO-2002-226**

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

On November 9, 2001, the City of Pacific, Missouri, and Public Water Supply District No. 3 of Franklin County, Missouri, filed their joint application for approval by the Missouri Public Service Commission under Section 247.172, RSMo 2000, of a territorial agreement setting out the boundaries of their respective water service areas. The City is located in Franklin County, Missouri, and provides water service to its residents. The District is located in Franklin County, Missouri, and provides water service to persons residing in Franklin County, Missouri. The Commission issued its Order Directing Notice on November 15, 2001, setting a deadline of December 17, 2001, for applications to intervene. The Commission received no such applications.

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 or their representatives should be prepared to discuss the nature of any discovery each will conduct and the time 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 or their representatives should also be prepared to discuss the current status of settlement negotiations. The Commission expects that the prehearing conference will provide an opportunity for the parties to further pursue settlement discussions.

The parties must jointly file a proposed procedural schedule. The proposed procedural schedule must establish dates for the filing of a list of the issues to be determined by the Commission and statements by the parties of their position on each issue. The proposed procedural schedule must also include a date for the filing of a list of the witnesses to be called on each day of hearing, the order in which they will appear and the order of cross-examination agreed upon by the parties. The proposed procedural schedule must also establish dates for the hearing of this matter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That a prehearing conference will be held on January 3, 2002, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The prehearing conference will be held at the Commission's offices at the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, Room 305. The Governor Office Building is a facility that meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodations to participate in the prehearing conference should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or 1-800-829-7541 (TDD) prior to the prehearing conference.

2. That the parties must jointly prepare and file a proposed procedural schedule no later than January 11, 2002.

3. That this order will become effective on December 28, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION

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

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Bill Hopkins, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority under
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

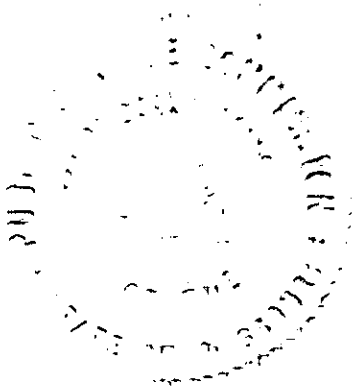
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 18th of December, 2001.

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 18th day of Dec. 2001.



Dale Hardy Roberts

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge