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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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House of Denmark, Inc.,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>Case No. WC-99-297</u>
)	
St. Louis Water Company,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

**ORDER CANCELLING PREHEARING CONFERENCE,
STAYING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND
ACKNOWLEDGING PARTIES' REQUEST FOR MEDIATION**

On January 26, 1999, this Commission set a prehearing conference in this matter for February 11, 1999, at 10:30 a.m. The parties were also, at that time, directed to jointly prepare and file a proposed procedural schedule by February 18, 1999. On February 10, 1999, the parties jointly advised the Commission that they desire to pursue the option of mediation and requested that the prehearing conference set for February 11, 1999, be reset.

The Commission shall therefore cancel the prehearing conference and relieve the parties of the requirement of filing a proposed procedural schedule by February 18, 1999. The parties shall contact the Alternative Dispute Resolution Center at the Law School of the University of Missouri-Columbia and initiate the mediation process. The parties shall inform the Commission in writing of the progress, if any, of the mediation on or before March 29, 1999, and at thirty day intervals thereafter. The Commission expects that the

status report of March 29, 1999, will show that a date certain for the first mediation session has been scheduled.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the prehearing conference previously set herein on February 11, 1999, beginning at 10:30 a.m., is cancelled until further order of this Commission.

2. That the joint proposed procedural schedule, previously required to be filed no later than February 18, 1999, need not be filed unless otherwise directed by further order of this Commission.

3. That the parties shall contact the Alternative Dispute Resolution Center at the Law School of the University of Missouri-Columbia and initiate the mediation process.

4. That the parties shall jointly report the status of the mediation in writing to this Commission on March 29, 1999, and at thirty-day intervals thereafter, until further order of this Commission. The status report due by March 29, 1999, will show that a date certain for the first mediation session has been scheduled.

5. That this order shall become effective on March 9, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

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 26th day of February, 1999.

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