

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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CASE NO: SM-2000-608

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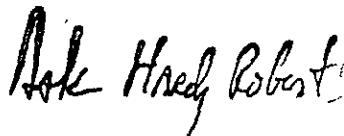
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Enclosed find certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

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 Ozark Water and)
Wastewater Management Co., Inc. to Sell and)
Transfer its Franchise, Treatment Plant and)
Substantially All its Assets to Northern Christian) **Case No. SM-2000-608**
County Regional Wastewater Facility, Inc.)
(a Non-Profit Sewer Corporation under)
393.825, RSMo)

ORDER CANCELING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On July 17, 2001, Ozark Water & Wastewater Management Co., Inc. filed a motion asking the Commission to delay the procedural schedule previously issued in this case. The Commission will not again delay the procedural schedule, and will instead cancel the procedural schedule.

This matter has been delayed numerous times since Ozark Water & Wastewater filed its application with the Commission on March 29, 2000. Because the parties made several requests for delay, the Commission did not establish a procedural schedule until November 27, 2000. That procedural schedule has twice been extended at the request of Ozark Water & Wastewater, without objection from the other parties.

Under the current procedural schedule, Ozark Water & Wastewater was required to file its direct testimony on July 17, 2001. Instead, it filed its third Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule, asking that the procedural schedule be delayed for another 60 days. Ozark Water & Wastewater indicates that it is seeking to further delay the procedural

schedule because negotiations are ongoing between itself and the other parties that may lead to a resolution of all disputes.

Ozark Water & Wastewater has provided a reasonable explanation of why it seeks to again delay the procedural schedule and no other party has expressed any objection to the further delay. Nevertheless, the Commission will not again make the quite likely futile effort of rescheduling a hearing for this case. Fruitlessly scheduling and rescheduling hearings simply wastes the Commission's time and clutters its schedule. This order will not dismiss Ozark Water & Wastewater's application. When the parties are truly ready to proceed forward with this case, they may file a request for a new procedural schedule.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule filed by Ozark Water & Wastewater Management Co., Inc., is denied.
2. That the procedural schedule previously established for this case, including the prehearing conference on September 12, 2001, and the evidentiary hearing on October 25 and 26, 2001, is canceled.
3. That this order shall become effective on August 24, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION

(S E A L)



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

Morris Woodruff, Senior Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

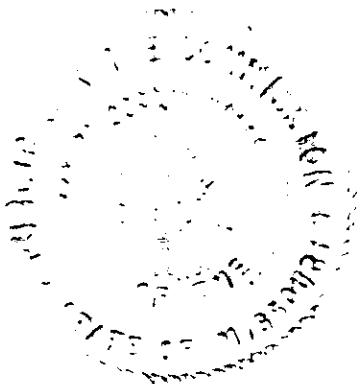
Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 14th day of August, 2001.

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 14th day of August 2001.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "D" and "R".

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge