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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts  
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RE: Case No. WR-2000-281

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and fourteen (14) conformed copies of **STAFF'S PROPOSED TIMELINE OF MAJOR EVENTS**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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

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In the Matter of Missouri-American Water    )  
Company for a General Rate Increase.        )

Case No. WR-2000-281

**STAFF'S PROPOSED TIMELINE OF MAJOR EVENTS**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("the Staff"), and for its Proposed Timeline of Major Events, states to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("the Commission") as follows:

1. On October 15, 1999, Missouri-American Water Company ("the Company") filed revised tariff sheets for the purpose of implementing a general rate increase for water service provided by the Company. The revised rates were designed to produce an additional \$16,446,277 in gross annual water revenues, or a 53.97% increase over existing water revenues. The Company proposed that the new rates would become effective on November 15, 1999. The operation of law date for the tariff is September 8, 2000.

2. The Staff has developed a generic timeline, for the purpose of setting target dates by which to accomplish the major milestones that are associated with the processing of a typical general rate increase request. This timeline was developed in order to allow the Commission and all parties a sufficient amount of time to competently perform all of their duties in connection with a typical rate case.

3. The Staff makes it a practice to modify the "generic" timeline as necessary to meet the specific requirements of each individual case, and to inform the Commission of the principal milestones in the modified "generic" timeline.

4. The Staff believes that the principal milestones in this case should be approximately as follows:

November 15, 1999	Company files direct testimony
March 20, 2000	Staff files direct testimony, except for rate design
March 27, 2000	Staff files direct testimony regarding rate design
April 10-14, 2000	Prehearing conference
May 4, 2000	Parties file rebuttal testimony
May 24, 2000	Parties file surrebuttal testimony
May 26, 2000	Parties file statements of position
June 5-9, 2000	Evidentiary hearing
September 8, 2000	Operation of law date

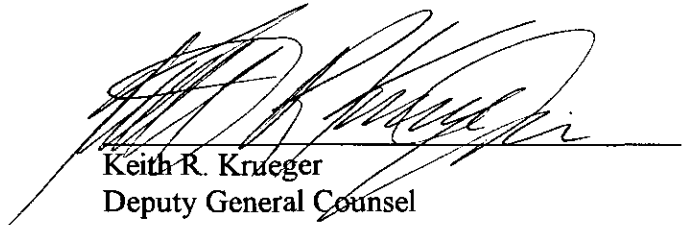
5. The Staff has previously informally provided all of the information that is contained within the foregoing timeline to both the Company and the Office of the Public Counsel.

6. The Staff notes that the timeline shown above does not constitute a proposed procedural schedule, which will be filed at a later date. It is only offered to assist the Commission in scheduling the date by which the Company must file its direct testimony, the date by which the Staff must file its test year recommendation, and the dates for the evidentiary hearing in this case, in order to enable all of the parties to most effectively present the issues in this case, and to allow the Commission to have an adequate time to decide the case.

**WHEREFORE**, the Staff submits its Proposed Timeline of Major Events for the consideration of the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1999.



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