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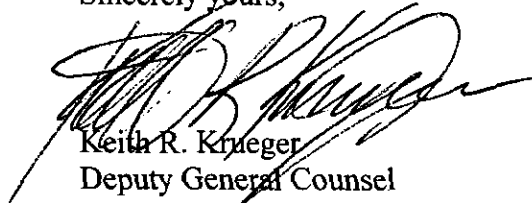
Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and fourteen (14) conformed copies of a **PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL HEARING DATES.**

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
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In the Matter of Missouri-American Water)
Company's Tariff Sheets Designed to)
Implement General Rate Increases for)
Water and Sewer Service Provided to)
Customers in the Missouri Area of the)
Company.)

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Case No. WR-2000-281

**PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND
MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL HEARING DATES**

COME NOW Missouri-American Water Company ("MAWC" or "Company"), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC"), the City of Joplin, Missouri, the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, the City of O'Fallon, Missouri, the City of Weldon Spring, Missouri, the City of Mexico, Missouri, Public Water Supply District Nos. 1 and 2 of Andrew County, Missouri, Public Water Supply District No. 1 of DeKalb County, Missouri, Public Water Supply District No. 1 of Buchanan County, Missouri, Ag Processing, Inc., a cooperative, Friskies Petcare, a division of nestle USA, Wire Rope Corporation of America, Inc., and Public Water Supply District No. 2 of St. Charles County, Missouri, being all of the parties to this case, and submit their Proposed Procedural Schedule and Motion for Additional Hearing Dates to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission").

1. On October 28, 1999, the Commission issued its order that the parties attend a prehearing conference on December 14, 1999, and that they prepare and file a proposed procedural schedule no later than December 21, 1999.

2. On November 18, 1999, the Commission issued its order, in which it scheduled the evidentiary hearing in this case for June 5-9, 2000.

3. At the prehearing conference on December 14, 1999, the parties discussed the issues in this case, agreed that the evidentiary hearing in this case may require more than five days, and agreed to request that the Commission reserve June 15 and 16, 2000, for the conclusion of the evidentiary hearing in this case, if necessary.

4. The parties have agreed to recommend that the Commission modify the usual schedule for responses to data requests as set forth in Paragraph 5 hereof, and that the Commission adopt the following procedural schedule in this case:

March 20, 2000	Staff, OPC and all intervenors file direct testimony regarding all issues except rate design
March 23, 2000	Staff, OPC and all Intervenor file direct testimony regarding rate design
April 3-7, 2000	Prehearing Conference
April 14, 2000	Parties informally agree on tentative list of issues (no filing with Commission required)
April 27, 2000	All parties file rebuttal testimony
May 18, 2000	Parties submit final list of issues, list of witnesses and order of cross-examination to the Commission
May 25, 2000	All parties file surrebuttal testimony
May 26, 2000	All parties file statements of positions on issues
June 5-9, 2000 and June 15-16, 2000	Evidentiary hearing

5. The parties further propose that all remaining testimony, together with supporting work papers, should be delivered to all other parties, either by personal delivery of hard copies,

by electronic transmission, or through a next-day overnight delivery service, on the same day that it is filed.

6. The parties further propose that the time normally allowed for responding to data requests should be shortened, in order to allow the parties the best opportunity to fully and fairly present their cases to the Commission at the evidentiary hearing. The parties therefore request that the Commission order that, for all data requests that are propounded between March 20, 2000 and June 1, 2000, the party to whom the data request is presented shall answer the request within ten (10) days, instead of the twenty (20) days that are allowed by Rule 4 CSR 240-2.090 (2), and that the Commission further order that if the recipient objects to a data request or is unable to answer it within ten (10) days, the recipient shall serve all of the objections or reasons for its inability to answer in writing upon the requesting party within seven (7) days after receipt of the data request, instead of the ten (10) days that are allowed by Rule 4 CSR 240-2.090 (2).

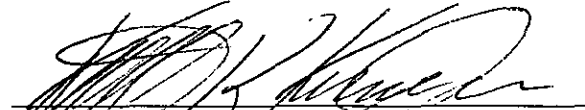
7. The Staff further states on information and belief that all applicants for intervention, including St. Joseph Building & Construction Trades Council, The Boeing Company, Ford Motor Company, Hussmann Refrigeration, Hawker Energy Products, Inc., Harmon Industries, Inc., Stahl Specialty Company, Swisher Mower & Machine Company, Inc., Central Missouri State University, St. Charles County, and the City of St. Peters support this proposed procedural schedule.

WHEREFORE, the parties hereto jointly request that the Commission reserve June 15 and 16, 2000, as additional dates for the evidentiary hearing in this case, that it issue its order establishing the procedural schedule as specifically set forth in Paragraph 4 hereof, that it order same day delivery of all remaining testimony as described in Paragraph 5 hereof, and that it order all parties to either answer all data requests that are presented between March 20, 2000 and


June 1, 2000, within ten (10) days after they are presented, or that the recipient of such data request either object to the data request or tell why they cannot so respond, within seven (7) days after the data requests are propounded.

Respectfully submitted,

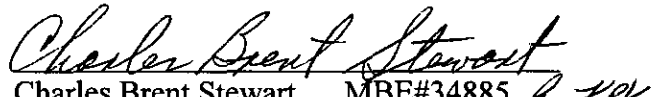
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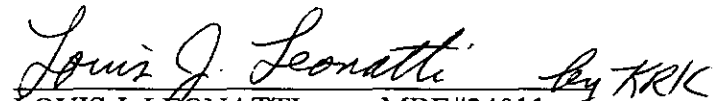
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