

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

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water)	
Company's Tariff Sheets Designed to Implement)	Case No. WR-2000-281
General Rate Increases for Water and Sewer)	Tariff No. 200000366
Service Provided to Customers in the Missouri)	Tariff No. 200000367
Service Area of the Company.)	

ORDER AMENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On April 3, 2000, a prehearing conference was held in this matter. At that time, the parties orally renewed their Joint Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule and Request for Expedited Consideration, filed originally on March 31, 2000. In reliance upon the representation of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission that the joint motion is opposed by none of the parties, the motion shall be granted, in part. As explained below, the motion cannot be granted in whole.

The parties evidently failed to inspect the calendar maintained in the Adjudication Division to ascertain the availability of the hearing and prehearing dates they propose in their joint motion, although this is standard practice and well known to the attorneys involved in this case. A hearing is already set for the week of April 17, when the parties propose to reset the prehearing conference. Thus, there is no room available for April 20, 2000, and the prehearing conference must consequently be reduced to four days.

Likewise, the week of June 19, 2000, is simply not available.¹ It will not be possible to alter the dates originally set for the evidentiary

¹This week is clearly marked as "unavailable" on the Adjudication Division calendar. A member of the Adjudication Division support staff recalls explaining to Staff counsel Keith Krueger, the author of the joint motion, that this week is not available for a hearing.

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hearing. For this reason, it is not possible to accept the amended procedural schedule in its entirety as submitted by the parties.

For these reasons, the Joint Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule and Request for Expedited Consideration, filed on March 31, 2000, will be granted in part and denied in part.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Joint Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule and Request for Expedited Consideration, filed on March 31, 2000, is granted in part and denied in part.

2. That the Prehearing Conference previously set in this matter for April 4, 5, 6, and 7, 2000, is canceled.

3. That all of the conditions contained in the Order Adopting Procedural Schedule, issued on December 27, 1999, shall continue to apply.

4. That Direct Testimony by all parties except Missouri-American Water Company shall be filed as directed in the Commission's Order of March 15, 2000.

5. That the following amended procedural schedule is adopted for this case:

Prehearing Conference	April 17-19 & 21, 2000 ² 10:00 a.m.
Parties informally agree on tentative List of Issues (no filing required)	April 28, 2000
Rebuttal Testimony of All Parties	May 4, 2000 3:00 p.m.
List of Issues, List of Witnesses, Order of Cross	May 25, 2000 3:00 p.m.

²No room is available on April 20, 2000.

Surrebuttal Testimony of All Parties	May 25, 2000 3:00 p.m.
Position Statements of All Parties	May 30, 2000 3:00 p.m.
Evidentiary Hearing All issues except true-up	June 5-9, 15-16, 2000 9:00 a.m.
True-up Hearing	June 26-29, 2000 9:00 a.m.

The hearings and prehearing conference will be held on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. Any person with special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing or prehearing conference at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211, or TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.

6. That this order shall become effective on April 14, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION

(S E A L)



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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 4th day of April, 2000.