

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
JEFFERSON CITY**

**March 12, 2002**

**CASE NO: WE-2002-240**

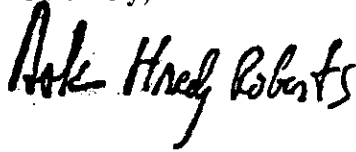
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**Enclosed find a certified copy of an ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Dale Hardy Roberts**  
**Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

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

In the Matter of the Annual Report of Osage Water        )  
Company for the Calendar Year Ending December 31,        ) **Case No. WE-2002-240**  
1999.    )

**ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

On November 28, 2001, Osage Water Company filed a motion for leave to late-file its 1999 Annual Report. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed, on January 3, 2002, a Request for Enlargement of Time in Which to File Response. The Commission granted the request for additional time by order issued January 9, 2002. On January 14, 2002, Staff requested an additional extension of time, citing the need to continue to work with the Company regarding certain discrepancies Staff had found in the Company's 1999 Annual Report. The Commission granted this request by order issued January 15, 2002.

Staff filed a recommendation on February 5, 2002, indicating that there are certain discrepancies in the Company's 1999 Annual Report when it is compared to the Company's 1998 Annual Report. Staff noted that the discrepancies fall into four specified categories. Staff sent an electronic communication to the Company on January 11, 2002, explaining the discrepancies and missing information; counsel for the Company indicated that the Company would not be able to provide any new information.

Staff states that it is beneficial for the information supplied in the 1999 Annual Report to be on file with the Commission. Therefore, Staff recommends that the

Commission accept the Company's 1999 Annual Report. However, Staff also recommends that Staff's January 11, 2002, letter be attached to the Annual Report so that the public is on notice of the discrepancies and deficiencies of the Report. Staff further suggests that the Company be ordered to provide the missing information and a written explanation of the discrepancies, or provide a written explanation of why the information is not available or why the discrepancies cannot be corrected.

The Company did not file a response to Staff's recommendation.

The Commission requires additional information regarding the 1999 Annual Report's missing or contradictory information. The Commission will set this matter for a prehearing conference in order to allow for further discussion of this matter. The Company should be prepared to provide either additional information regarding the alleged discrepancies, or an explanation of why the information is not available or why the discrepancies cannot be corrected.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That a prehearing conference shall be held on March 20, 2002, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The prehearing conference will be held in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. The Governor Office Building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans With Disabilities Act. If any person needs additional accommodations to participate in this prehearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or 1-800-829-7541 (TDD) prior to the date of the prehearing conference.

2. That this order shall become effective on March 12, 2001.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



**Dale Hardy Roberts  
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

( S E A L )

Vicky Ruth, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant  
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 12th day of March, 2002.

**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 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2002 .

*Dale Hardy Roberts*

**Dale Hardy Roberts**  
**Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge**

