

1/26

A:

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

House of Denmark, Inc.,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>Case No. WC-99-297</u>
)	
St. Louis Water Company,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On January 7, 1999, House of Denmark, Inc. (Denmark), filed a formal complaint, seeking a variance from Rule 20.0 of St. Louis County Water Company (Company) with respect to an additional water meter and irrigation system connection, allegedly installed in Company's meter box at Denmark's premises in violation of Company's cited rule. Denmark also sought a stay of Company's notice of deficiency, which required Denmark to remove the additional meter and irrigation system connection or face service termination. The Commission issued the requested stay on January 26, 1999.

On January 25, 1999, Company timely filed its answer. This matter is now at issue and a prehearing conference and procedural schedule are appropriate to ensure its prompt resolution. At the prehearing conference, the parties' representatives should be prepared to discuss the nature of any discovery each will conduct and the interval necessary for its completion; the number of witnesses each expects to call at hearing; the number and nature of any exhibits each

expects to offer at hearing; and the anticipated length of the hearing. The parties' representatives should also be prepared to discuss the current status of settlement negotiations.

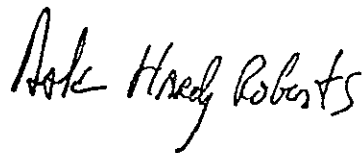
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That a prehearing conference shall be held on February 11, 1999, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The prehearing conference shall be held at the Commission's offices on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. Anyone wishing to attend who has special needs as addressed by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days before the prehearing conference at: Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.

2. That the parties shall jointly prepare and file a proposed procedural schedule no later than February 18, 1999.

3. That this order shall become effective on February 5, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

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 26th day of January, 1999.

RECEIVED
JAN 26 1999
COMMISSION COUNCIL
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION