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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Quail Run)
Water and Land Company to Sell its Waterworks) Case No. WM-99-27
and Related Assets to the Public Funding)
Corporation of the City of Ozark, Missouri)

ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

On July 13, 1998, Quail Run Water and Land Company (Quail Run) and the Public Funding Corporation of the City of Ozark, Missouri (City) (collectively Joint Applicants) filed their Joint Application requesting approval of City's purchase of all the waterworks and related assets of Quail Run.

On September 25, 1998, the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed its request for local public hearing, citing consumer interest. Public Counsel stated that if the sale is approved, the consumers in the service territory will no longer enjoy the regulatory protections of the Commission and, because they live outside the city limits, do not have the right to vote in city elections. Public Counsel also stated that City would increase rates by about 81%. Public Counsel further stated that they had received several letters and phone calls from customers who oppose the rate increase, including a petition opposing the sale signed by about 60 customers.

On January 28, 1999, Joint Applicants filed their response to Public Counsel's request for local public hearing. Joint Applicants

stated that they do not oppose the scheduling of a local public hearing. However, given the time that has passed since the filing of the Joint Application, Joint Applicants requested that, if the Commission grants Public Counsel's request, the local public hearing be scheduled as soon as convenient for the Commission.

The Commission has decided that before it rules on the request by Public Counsel for a local public hearing, a prehearing conference should be scheduled to afford the parties the opportunity to discuss, define, and possibly resolve the issues, or at least to agree on a procedural schedule. The Commission will also set a date for filing a proposed procedural schedule to ensure that this case progresses.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That a prehearing conference will be held on March 22, 1999, at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission's offices on the fifth floor of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

2. That anyone with 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 or hearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.

3. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than March 29, 1999.

4. That this order shall become effective on March 15, 1999.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Dale Hardy Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Bill Hopkins, Senior 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 5th day of March, 1999.

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