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STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 19th
day of June, 1992.

In the matter of tariffs filed by Missouri)
Public Service to reflect rate changes to)
be reviewed in Company's 1990-1991 Actual) CASE NO. GR-91-160
Cost Adjustment.)

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On May 1, 1992, Staff filed a recommendation in this matter which concluded that Company should restate its recovery balances ending August 31, 1991, to reflect various items of (in Staff's view), "misstated revenues and prior period adjustments." Staff recommended that the Commission order Company to respond to Staff's recommendation, particularly to the specific points on page 5 of said recommendation.

On May 19, 1992, the Commission ordered Company to make the response requested by Staff, although noting that "Staff might be better served by requesting a procedural and hearing schedule . . ."

Company filed its response on June 5, 1992, stating at p. 9, that Company's "conclusion on the appropriate amounts is different from that presented by Staff." Company attributes some of the difference to what it characterizes as an "error" in the ending balance for its Southern System interruptible customers in Case No. GR-90-85. Company has filed a motion in GR-90-85 to correct the "error" and states that "MPS believes that the Staff will acknowledge that an incorrect number was used in the order" (GR-90-85). Staff has yet to file or manifest such an acknowledgment. The Commission will consider Company's motion filed in GR-90-85 with the record in this case.

Company's response concludes with a request to meet with Staff "informally" to resolve what Company characterizes as "24 separate items" with

voluminous documentation. On June 17, 1992, Staff filed a response to Company's request which asks that "the prehearing conference in this proceeding, if any, be scheduled for 1:30 p.m., July 10, 1992."

The Commission finds little in these pleadings which suggests that the parties are capable of informally resolving this matter in a timely fashion, if at all. The Commission therefore concludes that hearings are required to resolve all facts in dispute and will herein adopt the following procedural schedule:

a. Company, Staff, Public Counsel and any other party of interest will file simultaneous direct testimony and schedules by Friday, July 10, 1992, on or before 3:00 p.m.

b. All parties will file simultaneous rebuttal testimony and schedules by Monday, July 20, 1992, on or before 3:00 p.m.

c. The Commission will neither accept nor admit surrebuttal testimony or exhibits; nor will it accept testimony or exhibits in the nature of surrebuttal.

d. The prehearing conference will commence at 9:00 a.m. on August 3, 1992 and conclude at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission's hearing room on the fifth floor of the Harry S. Truman State Office Building, 301 W. High St., Jefferson City, Missouri.

e. The hearing memorandum, delineating each contested issue and the amounts associated therewith, will be filed on Friday, August 7, on or before 3:00 p.m.

f. Hearings will take place on August 10 and 11, 1992, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Commission's hearing room on the fifth floor of the Harry S. Truman State Office Building, 301 W. High St., Jefferson City, Missouri.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the procedural schedule contained herein is hereby adopted.
2. That Company's motion now pending in Case No. GR-90-85 will be considered herein as part of the record in this case.
3. That this order shall be effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

Brent Stewart

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Executive Secretary

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McClure, Chm., Mueller, Rauch
Perkins and Kincheloe, CC., Concur.