

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

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water	)	
Company's Tariff Sheets Designed to Implement	)	<b>Case No. WR-2000-281</b>
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 ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

On December 14, 1999, a prehearing conference was held in this matter. Thereafter, on December 23, 1999, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) on behalf of all the parties and intervention applicants filed a proposed procedural schedule. The Commission grants Staff's Motion for Leave to Late-File Proposed Procedural Schedule and Staff's Motion for Additional Hearing Dates. The Commission has reviewed the proposed schedule and finds the dates appropriate for this case. Therefore, the Commission adopts the proposed schedule and finds that the following conditions should be applied to the schedule:

(A) The Commission will require the prefiling of testimony as defined in 4 CSR 240-2.130. All parties shall comply with this rule, including the requirement that testimony be filed on line-numbered pages. The practice of prefiling testimony is designed to give parties notice of the claims, contentions and evidence in issue and to avoid unnecessary objections and delays caused by allegations of unfair surprise at the hearing.

(B) The parties shall agree on and file a list of issues to be determined herein by the Commission. Staff shall be responsible for

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actually drafting and filing the list of issues and the other parties shall cooperate with Staff in the development thereof. Any issue not included in the issues list will be presumed to not require determination by the Commission.

(C) Each party shall file a list of the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing and the order in which they shall be called. The parties shall establish the order of cross examination and file a joint pleading indicating the same.

(D) Each party shall file a statement of its position on each disputed issue, including a summary of the factual and legal points relied on by the party. Such statement shall be simple and concise, shall follow the issues set out in the issues list, and shall not contain argument about why the party believes its position to be the correct one. The position statement shall be filed in both paper form and electronically, either on computer disk or by e-mail. Electronically submitted documents shall be in Word, WordPerfect, or ASCII format. The Regulatory Law Judge's e-mail address is: ktomp099@mail.state.mo.us.

(E) The Commission's general policy provides for the filing of the transcript within two weeks after the hearing. If any party seeks to expedite the filing of the transcript, such request shall be tendered in writing to the Regulatory Law Judge at least five days prior to the date of the hearing.

(F) All pleadings, briefs and amendments shall be filed in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.080. The briefs to be submitted by the parties shall follow the same list of issues as filed in the case. The briefs must

set forth and cite the proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission. Each principal brief shall not exceed 30 pages in length; reply briefs shall not exceed 15 pages in length. The presiding officer will establish a briefing schedule at the close of the hearing.

(G) All parties are required to bring an adequate number of copies of exhibits which they intend to offer into evidence at the hearing. If an exhibit has been prefiled, only three copies of the exhibit are necessary for the court reporter. If an exhibit has not been prefiled, the party offering it should bring, in addition to the three copies for the court reporter, copies for the five Commissioners, the regulatory law judge, and all counsel.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Motions for Leave to Late-File Proposed Procedural Schedule and for Additional Hearing Dates filed by the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission are granted.

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

Direct Testimony on all issues except rate design Staff, Public Counsel, Intervenors	March 20, 2000 3:00 p.m.
Direct Testimony on rate design Staff, Public Counsel, Intervenors	March 20, 2000 3:00 p.m.
Prehearing Conference	April 3-7, 2000 10:00 a.m.
Parties informally agree on tentative List of Issues (no filing required)	April 14, 2000

Rebuttal Testimony of All Parties	April 27, 2000 3:00 p.m.
List of Issues, List of Witnesses, Order of Cross	May 18, 2000 3:00 p.m.
Surrebuttal Testimony of All Parties	May 25, 2000 3:00 p.m.
Position Statements of All Parties	May 26, 2000 3:00 p.m.
Evidentiary Hearing	June 5-9, 15-16, 2000 9:00 a.m.

The hearing 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.

3. That this order shall become effective on January 6, 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 27th day of December, 1999.