# STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JEFFERSON CITY October 25, 2001

CASE NO: WC-2002-146

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

Sincerely,

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

# OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission,	<b>)</b>
Petitioner,	)
V.	Case No. WC-2002-146
St. Louis County Water Company, doing business As Missouri-American Water Company,	) ) )
Respondent.	)

### ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND REQUIRING FILING OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On September 13, 2001, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission filed a formal complaint against Respondent St. Louis County Water Company, doing business as Missouri-American Water Company. On September 19, 2001, this Commission issued its Notice of Complaint. On October 15, 2001, the Company 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 or their 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 or their representatives should also be prepared to discuss the current status of settlement negotiations. It is



expected that the prehearing conference will provide an opportunity for the parties to further pursue settlement discussions.

The parties shall jointly file a proposed procedural schedule. The proposed procedural schedule shall establish dates for the filing of a list of the issues to be determined by the Commission and statements by the parties of their position on each such issue. The proposed procedural schedule shall also include a date for the filing of a list of the witnesses to be called on each day of hearing, the order in which they shall appear and the order of cross-examination agreed upon by the parties. The proposed procedural schedule shall also establish dates for the hearing of this matter.

#### IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. That a prehearing conference shall be held on November 2, 2001, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The prehearing conference shall be held at the Commission's offices at the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, Room 305. The Governor Office Building is a facility that meets the accessibility requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodations to participate in the prehearing conference should call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or 1-800-829-7541 (TDD) prior to the prehearing conference.
- 2. That the parties shall jointly prepare and file a proposed procedural schedule no later than November 9, 2001.

3. That this order shall become effective on November 2, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION

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Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(SEAL)

Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 25th day of October, 2001.

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 2001.

Dale Hardy Roberts

Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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