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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of Osage Water Company,)	
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Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>Case No. WC-97-152</u>
)	
Ozark Shores Water Company, Inc., et al.,)	
)	
Respondents.)	

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO SCHEDULE
EARLY PREHEARING CONFERENCE

This docket was opened as a result of a Complaint filed by Osage Water Company (Osage) alleging that the respondents, jointly and severally, have been and continue to operate water systems for the public inside the boundaries of Osage's certificated service area. On June 3, 1997 the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its report of investigation and requested the Commission set an early prehearing conference in order for the parties to develop a proposed procedural schedule.

The respondents filed a response to the Staff motion, suggesting the prehearing conference be held in conjunction with the prehearing conference in Case No. WA-97-396. Case No. WA-97-396 apparently involves some or all of the parties to this case.

The Commission finds the Staff motion to be reasonable and will set the prehearing conference for July 3, in conjunction with the prehearing conference in Case No. WA-97-396.

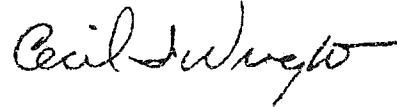
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the motion for an early prehearing conference, filed by the Staff of the Commission on June 3, 1997, is granted. The prehearing

conference in this matter is set for 10:00 a.m., July 3, 1997, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in Room 520B of the Harry S Truman State Office Building, 301 West High Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. As a result of the prehearing conference, the parties will file a suggested procedural schedule no later than July 11, 1997.

2. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION



Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary

(S E A L)

Joseph A. Derque, III, Administrative
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.120
(November 30, 1995) and
Section 386.240 RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 17th day of June, 1997.