

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

In the Matter of the Application of Elm Hills)
Utility Operating Company, Inc. and)
Missouri Utilities Company for Elm Hills to)
Acquire Certain Water and Sewer Assets of)
Missouri Utilities Company, for a Certificate)
Of Convenience and Necessity, and, in)
Connection therewith, to Issue Indebtedness)
And Encumber Assets)

Case No. SM-2017-0150

JOINT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW Elm Hills Utility Operating Company, Inc. (Elm Hills), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC), hereinafter referred to as “the Parties,” by and through their respective counsel, and for this *Proposed Procedural Schedule*, state in support:

1. On July 19, 2017, the Commission held a procedural conference in this matter. On the record, the Parties discussed a procedural schedule to resolve the matter, and Staff agreed to coordinate filing a procedural schedule by July 24, 2017.
2. The Parties further agree that all discovery requests made between the date Direct Testimony is due to be filed, and the last day to request discovery shall be responded to within five (5) calendar days. Objections to discovery requests must be made in writing and served upon the requesting party within two (2) calendar days of the date the discovery was issued. If the day a discovery response or objection is due falls upon a weekend or holiday, then the response or objection is due the next business day.

3. The Parties therefore recommend the Commission adopt the following procedural schedule for this case:

| <u>Item</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|---|--------------------|
| Direct Testimony (Company) | August 3, 2017 |
| Rebuttal Testimony (Staff/OPC) | August 23, 2017 |
| Last Day to Request Discovery | August 25, 2017 |
| Surrebuttal Testimony (all parties) | August 31, 2017 |
| Issue List, Position Statements, and Order of Cross | September 7, 2017 |
| Hearing | September 14, 2017 |
| Briefs | October 5, 2017 |

WHEREFORE, the undersigned parties respectfully request the Commission issue an order setting the above procedural schedule, and to grant any further relief as is just in the circumstances.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile, or electronically mailed to all parties and or counsel of record on this 24th day of July, 2017.

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