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In the Matter of Timber Creek)
Sewer Company, Inc.'S Request for) Case No. sr-2004-0532
a small Company Rate Increase)

MORRIS L. WOODRUFF, Presiding,
SENIOR REGULATORY LAW JUDGE.

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Good afternoon, everyone.

3 We're here today for a prehearing conference in Case
4 No. SR-2004-0532, which concerns Timber Creek Sewer
5 Company's request for a small company rate increase. And
6 we'll begin today by taking entries of appearance,
7 beginning with Staff.

8 MR. SNODGRASS: Yes. Good afternoon,
9 Judge. My name is Cliff Snodgrass. I represent the Staff
10 of the Missouri Public Service Commission. My business
11 address is Governor's Office Building, Suite 800,
12 200 Madison Street, P.O. Box 360, here in the big city of
13 Jefferson City, Missouri.

14 JUDGE WOODRUFF: For Public Counsel?

15 MS. O'NEILL: Good afternoon. Ruth O'Neill
16 for the Office of the Public Counsel. Our mailing address
17 is P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

18 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And for the company?

19 MR. FINNEGAN: Jeremiah Finnegan, Finnegan,
20 Conrad & Peterson, L.C., 3100 Broadway, Suite 1209,
21 Kansas City, Missouri 64111.

22 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. Well, thank
23 you all for being here today. I called this conference
24 simply because I wanted to get some idea of where we go
25 from here. As you know, there's been an agreement between

1 the company and Staff, and Public Counsel's proposed an
2 additional condition that's not acceptable to the Staff or
3 the company. So we need to make some sort of
4 determination on how to resolve this and whether or not we
5 need to have a hearing.

6 Let me begin with you, Ms. O'Neill. Do you
7 believe we need a hearing?

8 MS. O'NEILL: Your Honor, I think that if
9 we -- if the parties can have some discussions today,
10 there's a good chance we can resolve these issues and be
11 able to come up with an agreement that's acceptable to all
12 the parties. I've had some discussions with Staff, I've
13 had some discussions with Mr. Finnegan, and I think that
14 we're on our way to working this out.

15 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Very good. Anything you
16 want to say, Mr. Snodgrass?

17 MR. SNODGRASS: Well, Judge, I think that
18 that -- I appreciate that sentiment, and we're certainly
19 willing to listen and talk here with all the parties
20 today, and hopefully we can resolve something.

21 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Very good. Mr. Finnegan?

22 MR. FINNEGAN: I'm hoping we can resolve
23 something as well.

24 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Sounds like we're on a
25 good track here, then. Well, I'm going to go ahead and

1 leave you to your discussions, then. I will ask that you
2 give me a report as to what happens.

3 MR. SNODGRASS: Certainly.

4 MS. O'NEILL: Certainly.

5 JUDGE WOODRUFF: In fact, I'll go ahead and
6 make the order that either give me an agreement or a
7 proposed procedural schedule by Friday of this week. I
8 believe that would be the 11th.

9 MR. SNODGRASS: Would that be a joint or
10 singular pleading for each party?

11 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Should be joint either
12 way, assuming you can agree upon a procedural schedule
13 that you reach. Doesn't have to be anything elaborate.

14 MR. SNODGRASS: Okay. Thank you, Judge.

15 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Some indication of when
16 you expect that you'll be able to file a Stipulation &
17 Agreement if that's needed or whatever needs to be done.

18 Anything else while we're on the record,
19 then?

20 MS. O'NEILL: I don't think so. Friday is
21 the 11th, yes.

22 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. Well, thank
23 you all very much, then. We're off the record.

24 WHEREUPON, the prehearing conference was
25 concluded.