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2 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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4 TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
5 Local Public Hearing
6 February 16, 2010
7 Republic, Missouri
8 Volume 3
9 In the Matter of the Application)
of Ozark Meadows, Aqua)
10 Development Company, d/b/a Aqua) File No.
Missouri Inc Request for Increase) SR-2010-0023
11 in Annual Sewer System Operating)
Revenues MPC Sewer Utility Small)
12 Company Rate Increase Procedures)
13 In the Matter of Aqua RU Inc)
d/b/a Aqua Missouri Request for)
14 Increase in Annual Water System) File No.
Operating Revenues MPSC Water) WR-2010-0025
15 Utility Small Company Rate)
Increase)
16 In the Matter of Aqua Missouri)
17 Inc (CU) Request for Increase in) File No.
Annual Sewer System Operating) SR-2010-0026
18 Revenue MPSC Sewer Utility Small)
Company Rate Increase Procedures)
19 In the Matter of Aqua Missouri)
20 Inc (CU) Request for an Increase)
in the Annual Water System) File No.
21 Operating Revenues MPSC Water) WR-2010-0027
Utility Small Company Rate)
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4 (Proceedings began at 6:03
5 p.m. on Tuesday, February
6 16, 2010, with appearances
7 as noted.)

8 JUDGE STEARLEY: Can everyone hear me all
9 right? Is this working? All right. Good evening.
10 It's Tuesday, February 16th, 2010.

11 The Missouri Public Service Commission has
12 set this time for a local public hearing in four
13 separate file numbers, in which Aqua Missouri
14 Incorporated is seeking a general rate increase for
15 its water and sewer service here in Missouri.

16 Those file numbers are SR-2010-0023,
17 WR-2010-0025, SR-2010-0026, and WR-2010-0027.

18 My name is Harold Stearley, and I'm the
19 regulatory law judge that will preside over
20 tonight's hearings.

21 Unfortunately, none of the commissioners
22 could be here tonight in person. However, they will
23 be reviewing the tape and transcripts of this
24 proceeding tonight, and any testimony or comments
25 will be reviewed prior to the commissioners making

1 any decision in this matter.

2 This is an official hearing, so any
3 comments or testimony that the commission receives
4 tonight will be taken under oath. I will swear you
5 in, and our court reporter this evening will be
6 taking down all of the testimony.

7 The way we will proceed is I will call the
8 people who have signed up on our list. They can
9 step forward. I'll have you state and spell your
10 name for our court reporter. I will ask you a
11 couple preliminary questions, and then you may give
12 your comments.

13 After that the attorneys who are
14 representing parties here tonight may have some
15 questions for you or I may have a couple questions
16 for you before you complete your comments.

17 Does anyone have any questions regarding
18 the procedure we're going to follow tonight?

19 Well, seeing none, I will begin by taking
20 entries of appearance for counsel for the parties,
21 starting with Aqua Missouri. And I'll let the
22 record reflect that Aqua Missouri has no attorney
23 present tonight.

24 The Office of the Public Counsel?

25 MS. BAKER: Thank you, Your Honor.

1 Christina Baker, PO Box 2230, Jefferson City,
2 Missouri, 65102, appearing on behalf of the Office
3 of the Public Counsel and the rate payers.

4 JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you, Ms. Baker. For
5 the Staff of the Missouri Public Service
6 Commission?

7 MR. DEARMONT: Good evening, Judge. Eric
8 Dearmont on behalf of the Staff of the Missouri
9 Public Service Commission, PO Box 360, Jefferson
10 City, Missouri, 65102.

11 JUDGE STEARLEY: All right. Thank you,
12 Mr. Dearmont.

13 I would also like to be sure everyone knows
14 we are webcasting our proceeding tonight, so this is
15 going out live over the Internet.

16 And we would like to thank our hosts here
17 in Republic for the use of their facilities and the
18 ability to link up for our webcast.

19 Now looking at our witness list, the first
20 name I have on here is Mr. Greg Brock. Mr. Brock,
21 would you like to give testimony this evening?

22 MR. BROCK: My name is Greg Brock. I
23 represent the Ozark Sentinel newspaper based in
24 Kimberling City, and we have a sister paper, a
25 Tri-County Sentinel, in Aurora, Missouri.

1 And I believe most of my questions were
2 answered before we started this evening, and so I'm
3 satisfied with the information I've been given.

4 JUDGE STEARLEY: Okay. Well, very well.
5 Thank you, Mr. Brock.

6 MR. BROCK: Thank you.

7 JUDGE STEARLEY: The next person I have on
8 our list is Mr. James Fry. Mr. Fry, would you like
9 to give some comments or testimony?

10 MR. FRY: No, sir. Not this evening, Your
11 Honor. My questions were answered, like
12 Mr. Brock's, before the meeting was started.

13 JUDGE STEARLEY: Okay. Well, very well.

14 MR. FRY: Thank you.

15 JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you very much. I
16 think we have perhaps one or two other people in the
17 crowd here. I will give everyone an opportunity.
18 Is there anyone who would like to speak today?

19 (The audience does not
20 respond.)

21 JUDGE STEARLEY: Okay. Well, seeing none,
22 I'd like to remind our people in our audience here
23 and the people who might be viewing this on the web,
24 there are multiple ways to contact the commission.

25 If you'd like to register comments with the

1 commission regarding these rate cases, you can do
2 that by phoning us. You can do that by emailing.
3 You can do it by posting comments on our web page
4 or you can contact the Office of the Public Counsel
5 as well.

6 Seeing that we have no one here to testify,
7 I guess we'll bring this public hearing to a close
8 rather quickly, and we stand adjourned. I thank you
9 all very much for coming.

10 (The hearing was concluded
11 at 6:08 p.m. on Tuesday,
12 February 16, 2010.)

13 (No exhibits were marked
14 during the course of this
15 hearing.)

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