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RE: Case No. WO-2002-273-In the Matter of the Joint Application of Missouri-American Water Company, St. Louis County Water Company, d/b/a Missouri-American Water Company, and Jefferson City Water Works Company, d/b/a Missouri-American Water Company, for an Accounting Authority Order Relating to Security Costs.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned case are an original and eight (8) conformed copies of **STAFF'S RESPONSE TO PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**.

This filing has been mailed or hand-delivered this date to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosure
cc: Counsel of Record

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Louis County Water Company d/b/a/)
Missouri-American Water Company and)
Jefferson City Water Works Company)
d/b/a/ Missouri-American Water)
Company for an accounting authority)
order relating to security costs.)

Case No. WO-2002-273

STAFF'S RESPONSE TO PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), and
for its Response to the Proposed Procedural Schedule respectfully states:

1. On December 10, 2001, St. Louis County Water Company d/b/a Missouri-American Water Company, Jefferson City Water Works Company d/b/a Missouri-American Water Company and Missouri-American Water Company (Applicants), filed their Proposed Procedural Schedule.

2. The Staff concurs with the Applicants' decision to withdraw their request that the Commission grant the application for expedited treatment.

3. The Staff has reviewed the proposed procedural schedule submitted by the Applicants and makes the following proposed modifications based on the next hearing dates currently availability on the Commission calendar for a two-day hearing. Also, due to Staff's involvement in significant preparation for a hearing in another case beginning on March 4, 2002, Staff prefers to keep the testimony filing dates as proposed by the Applicants.

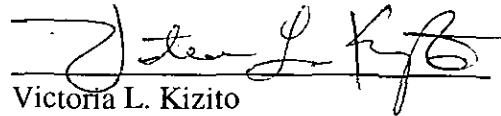
January 31, 2002	Applicants file Direct Testimony
February 28, 2002	Rebuttal Testimony (all other parties wishing to do so)
March 21, 2002	Surrebuttal and Cross-Surrebuttal testimony (all parties wishing to file)
March 28, 2002	Statement of Issues
April 4, 2002	Statement of Positions
May 9-10, 2002	Evidentiary Hearing
May 27, 2002	Initial Briefs
June 10, 2002	Reply Briefs

4. The Staff intends to conduct initial discovery before the filing date of Direct Testimony.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests that this Commission allow the Applicants to withdraw their request for expedited treatment in this case, and to order the procedural schedule as set forth above.

Respectfully submitted,

DANA K. JOYCE
General Counsel

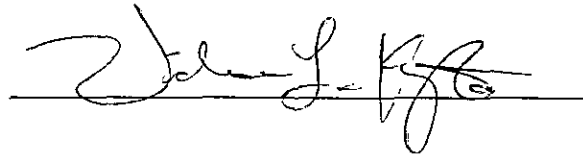


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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered to all counsel of record as shown on the attached service list this 27th day of December 2001.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Daniel L. Byrd", is written over a horizontal line.

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