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Respondent.)

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

2 RLJ REED: We're here today for a prehearing
3 conference in Staff of the Public Service Commission
4 versus New Florence Telephone Company, Case
5 No. TC-2006-0184. My name is Steve Reed. I'm the
6 Regulatory Law Judge assigned to handle this case.

7 Let's have entries of appearance, first
8 starting with Staff.

9 MR. WILLIAMS: Nathan Williams, Senior
10 Counsel, and Dana K. Joyce, General Counsel, appearing on
11 behalf of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service
12 Commission, P. O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri
13 65102.

14 RLJ REED: Public Counsel.

15 MR. DANDINO: Michael Dandino, Office of the
16 Public Counsel, Post Office Box 2230, Jefferson City,
17 Missouri 65102, representing the Office of Public Counsel
18 and the public.

19 RLJ REED: Thank you.

20 And for New Florence Telephone Company.

21 MR. ENGLAND: Thank you, Your Honor.

22 Let the record reflect the appearance of
23 W. R. England and Paul A. Boudreau of the law firm of
24 Brydon, Swearngen and England. Our mailing address is
25 Post Office Box 456, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102,

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1 appearing on behalf of New Florence Telephone Company.

2 RLJ REED: Thank you.

3 Are there any other appearances? I take it
4 there aren't.

5 Gentlemen, are there any pending motions
6 that are not ruled on?

7 MR. WILLIAMS: No.

8 RLJ REED: No.

9 The purpose of today's hearing is to have a
10 prehearing conference in order for the parties to put
11 together a procedural schedule.

12 I was curious about a couple of things. Has
13 discovery in this case already commenced? Has there been
14 some discovery?

15 MR. WILLIAMS: Not at this point.

16 RLJ REED: And I wonder if -- maybe I'll
17 leave it to you guys to figure this out, what period of
18 time within which you think this will come to hearing.

19 Do you have any ideas at this point?

20 MR. ENGLAND: My suggestion would be to
21 maybe let the parties try to work that out, and if we
22 can't, we'll bring it back to you.

23 RLJ REED: All right.

24 In some complaint cases I understand that
25 there is often live testimony, but I think that given

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1 some of the issues in this case, this will be a case of
2 prefiled testimony.

3 MR. ENGLAND: That certainly would be
4 New Florence's preference, for exactly the reason you
5 just mentioned.

6 RLJ REED: That's likely what the Commission
7 will order in this case.

8 MR. WILLIAMS: Staff is of the view that
9 there would be quite a bit of live testimony.

10 RLJ REED: Quite a bit of live direct
11 testimony?

12 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes.

13 RLJ REED: I guess if that can't be worked
14 out, then I can take that to the Commission to see what
15 they want to do with regard to prefiled or live
16 testimony.

17 MR. WILLIAMS: Unless some agreement is
18 reached regarding the use of depositions or some
19 depositions that were taken in an investigation matter,
20 we anticipate there would be a need to have some
21 employees of the Company that provided services to
22 New Florence appear.

23 RLJ REED: Okay.

24 And I think the last thing that I have was
25 that -- and maybe this is included in many of the

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1 procedural schedules that the Commission enters, but this
2 may be a case where there is some dispositive motions
3 that the Respondent may want to file, and so I would ask
4 that if that is the case, to include that, the time
5 period for that, in the procedural schedule. That would,
6 of course, be a time after depositions or the prefiled
7 testimony is taken.

8 So if that is a consideration, please
9 account for that in the procedural schedule and proposed
10 schedule.

11 All right. Is there anything else?

12 Okay. I think that's it.

13 Off the record.

14 WHEREUPON, the on-the-record portion of the
15 Prehearing Conference was concluded.

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