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2 PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

3 PREHEARING CONFERENCE  
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7  
8 In the Matter of Warren County )  
9 Water and Sewer Company's ) Case No. ST-2000-694  
10 Tariff Designed to Increase ) Tariff No. 200000892  
11 Connection Fees for Sewer )  
12 Service )

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14 In the Matter of Warren County )  
15 Water and Sewer Company's ) Case No. WT-2000-695  
16 Tariff Designed to Increase ) Tariff No. 200000891  
17 Connection Fees for Water )  
18 Service )

19 BEFORE:

20 MORRIS L. WOODRUFF, Presiding,  
21 REGULATORY LAW JUDGE.

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

2 (Written Entries of Appearance filed.)

3 JUDGE WOODRUFF: We're here for the early  
4 prehearing conference on a couple of cases. First is  
5 In the Matter of Warren County Water and Sewer  
6 Company's Tariff designed to Increase Connection Fees  
7 for Sewage Service. That's Case No. ST-2000-694, it's  
8 Tariff No. 200000892. And we're also here on Case No.  
9 WT-2000-695, which is Tariff No. 200000891, which is  
10 In the Matter of Warren County Water and Sewer  
11 Company's Tariff Designed to Increase Connection Fees  
12 for Water Service. So we've got both the sewer and  
13 the water case.

14 My name is Morris Woodruff. I'm going to be  
15 the Regulatory Law Judge in this case.

16 Let's start by taking entries of appearance,  
17 beginning with Staff.

18 MR. BATES: Bruce H. Bates, appearing for  
19 Nathan Williams, for the Staff of the Missouri Public  
20 Service Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson  
21 City, Missouri, 65102-0360. And with me today is  
22 James Merciel and Steve Loethen of the Staff of the  
23 Missouri Public Service Commission.

24 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Mr. Bates, do I understand  
25 you are entering for Nathan, Mr. Williams?

1                   MR. BATES:  Yes.  Yes, your Honor.  
2                   JUDGE WOODRUFF:  Will Mr. Williams be  
3 handling the case?  
4                   MR. BATES:  Yes, he will.  
5                   JUDGE WOODRUFF:  And for Public Counsel?  
6                   MS. COOK:  Shannon Cook on behalf of the  
7 Office of the Public Counsel and the Public, P.O.  
8 Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102-7800.  And  
9 accompanying me is Kim Bolin, one of our accountants.  
10                  JUDGE WOODRUFF:  Okay.  And that accounts  
11 for all of the people in the room, which does not  
12 leave anyone here from Warren County Water and Sewer.  
13                  MS. COOK:  Correct.  
14                  JUDGE WOODRUFF:  Have either of the  
15 attorneys heard from anyone from Warren County?  
16                  MS. COOK:  No, sir.  
17                  JUDGE WOODRUFF:  Nothing has been filed as  
18 far as entry of appearance from anyone either.  
19                  MS. COOK:  Not to my understanding.  
20                  JUDGE WOODRUFF:  Okay.  Well, we'll go ahead  
21 and proceed today in their absence.  We'll see if they  
22 want to appear later on at a later date.  
23                  Any preliminary matters anyone else --  
24 either of you want to bring up?  
25                  MR. BATES:  No, your Honor.

1 MS. COOK: No.

2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. One question I had,  
3 these are two cases dealing with very similar tariffs,  
4 one for water and one for sewer. At this point they  
5 are not formally consolidated.

6 Does anyone have any objection to  
7 consolidation of the two cases?

8 MS. COOK: No, your Honor.

9 MR. BATES: No, your Honor.

10 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. Mr. Bates, would you  
11 go ahead, or have Mr. Williams do so, and file a  
12 motion requesting that so that we'll have something to  
13 rule on?

14 MR. BATES: Yes, your Honor.

15 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you.

16 All right. You're here, of course, to  
17 develop a proposed procedural schedule. The tariff is  
18 currently suspended until August 28th. And, of  
19 course, this is going to be a little bit more  
20 difficult, or easier, depending upon how you look at  
21 it, without any participation from Warren County Water  
22 and Sewer.

23 Go ahead and prepare a procedural schedule,  
24 and we'll consider it to be evidence that you wish to  
25 present.

1                   MR. BATES: Your Honor, do I understand that  
2   that procedural schedule will be due on June 14th?  
3                   JUDGE WOODRUFF: Yes, that's correct.  
4                   MR. BATES: And if I may be presumptuous  
5   enough, Staff will go ahead and prepare that after  
6   consultation with the other parties?  
7                   JUDGE WOODRUFF: Yes, please do.  
8                   MR. BATES: Okay. Thank you.  
9                   JUDGE WOODRUFF: Is there anything else  
10  anyone wants to bring up on the record?  
11                   MS. COOK: I don't believe so.  
12                   MR. BATES: No, your Honor.  
13                   JUDGE WOODRUFF: Let's go off the record  
14  then.  
15                   WHEREUPON, the on-the-record portion of the  
16  prehearing conference was concluded.  
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