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SENIOR REGULATORY LAW JUDGE.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

JUDGE HOPKINS: This is the 27th of March 2001, 10 o'clock, 10 a.m. We're in the Governor Office Building, Jefferson City, Missouri, Case No. GR-2001-388, In the Matter of Southern Missouri Gas Company L.P.'s Purchased Gas Adjustment. I'm Bill Hopkins, and we need the appearances. We'll start with you, Mr. Franson.

MR. FRANSON: Thank you, your Honor. Robert Franson, Assistant General Counsel on behalf of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-0360.

JUDGE HOPKINS: Mr. Fischer?

MR. FISCHER: James M. Fischer, Fischer & Dority, PC, 101 Madison, Suite 400, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101, appearing on behalf of Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P.

MR. MICHEEL: Douglas E. Micheel appearing on behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel and the Public, P.O. Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102-7800.

JUDGE HOPKINS: Thank you. There are no unruled motions here. The Commission convened a prehearing conference in each of the LDCs' current ACA cases in order to permit the parties to cooperatively develop an appropriate procedural schedule to permit the completion of the normal ACA review as quickly and as efficiently as

1 possible. The goal is resolution by the Commission of any
2 contested issues by the end of the year 2001.

3 To the extent that Staff will require
4 additional resources in order to complete this work by that
5 date, Staff is expected to promptly submit a detailed
6 request to the Commission.

7 In the event that Staff believes that this
8 work cannot be completed by the date stated, Staff shall
9 notify the Commission.

10 The Order setting this prehearing conference
11 was issued February 27th, 2001. I'm not sure that there's
12 any real need that we go through the normal prehearing
13 conference ritual and state why did you file this action and
14 all that kind of stuff. But Mr. Franson, if you wish to
15 make any kind of a statement on this, you may go ahead, and
16 then Mr. Fischer and Mr. Micheel will also be allowed to do
17 so.

18 MR. FRANSON: Thank you, your Honor, but I
19 don't believe I need to make any statement at this time.

20 JUDGE HOPKINS: Thank you. Mr. Fischer?

21 MR. FISCHER: I don't have a statement either,
22 your Honor.

23 JUDGE HOPKINS: Mr. Micheel?

24 MR. MICHEEL: No.

25 JUDGE HOPKINS: The procedural date we need

1 here is April the 3rd of the year 2001, and I believe that's
2 the only date we have now subsequent to today. So I will
3 let you-all talk about this. I'll be around all day if
4 anybody needs anything, and we will go off the record.
5 Thank you.

6 WHEREUPON, the recorded portion of the
7 prehearing conference was concluded.
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