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

2 JUDGE THOMPSON: Good morning ladies and
3 gentlemen. We are here in the matter of Missouri
4 American Water Company Tariffs for a General Rate
5 Increase in Water and Sewer Rates, cases
6 WR-2000-281 and SR-2000-282, which has been
7 consolidated into Case 281. My name is Kevin
8 Thompson. I am the Regulatory Law Judge assigned
9 to this matter. We're here today for a prehearing
10 conference.

11 May I have oral entries of appearance,
12 please, from Counsel, and we can start with
13 Ms. Cook.

14 MS. COOK: Thank you. Shannon Cook, on
15 behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel and the
16 Public, P.O. Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri
17 65102-7800.

18 MR. DEUTSCH: Jim Deutsch, with the law
19 firm of Riezman and Blitz, representing the City of
20 Joplin. 308 East High Street, Suite 301, Jefferson
21 City. Do you want my phone number, Judge?

22 JUDGE THOMPSON: I think I can find it.
23 Thank you.

24 MR. HERSCHEL: Henry Herschel, for the
25 City of Joplin, Riezman and Blitz, same address.

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1 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you.

2 MR. FISCHER: James M. Fischer, 101 West
3 McCarty Street, Suite 215, Jefferson City, Missouri
4 65101, appearing on behalf of the Water Supply
5 District No. 1 and 2 of Andrew County, No. 1 of
6 Dekalb County and No. 1 of Buchanan County.

7 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you.

8 Mr. Conrad?

9 MR. CONRAD: Let the record show, your
10 Honor, please, the appearance of Stuart W. Conrad,
11 of the law firm of Finnegan, Conrad and Peterson,
12 1209 Penntower, 3100 Broadway, Kansas City,
13 Missouri 64111, appearing on behalf of Intervenors
14 Ag Processing, Friskies and Wire Rope Corporation
15 of America.

16 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you.

17 MR. WALTER: Your Honor, Martin Walter,
18 Blake & Uhlig, 2500 Holmes, Kansas City, Missouri
19 64108, on behalf of prospective intervenors
20 St. Joseph Building and Construction Trades
21 Counsel.

22 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Walter.

23 MR. CURTIS: Leland B. Curtis, of the law
24 firm of Curtis, Oetting, Heinz, Garrett and Soule,
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1 63105, appearing on behalf of the intervenors City
2 of Warrensburg, St. Peters, O'Fallon, Weldon
3 Spring, St. Charles County and Industrial
4 Intervenors, Hawker Energy, Harmon Industries,
5 Stahl Specialties, Swisher Mower and Machine and
6 Central Missouri State University.

7 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Curtis.
8 Mr. Krueger?

9 MR. KRUEGER: Keith R. Krueger and Cliff
10 Snodgrass for the Staff of Missouri Public Service
11 Commission. Our address is P.O. Box 360, Jefferson
12 City, Missouri 65102.

13 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you.
14 Mr. Downey?

15 MR. DOWNEY: Ed Downey, with the law
16 offices of Bryan Cave on behalf of applicants for
17 intervention Boeing Corporation, Ford Motor
18 Company, Hussman Refrigeration referred to as the
19 Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers. My address
20 is 221 Bolivar in Jefferson City.

21 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you.
22 Mr. England?

23 MR. ENGLAND: Let the record reflect the
24 appearance of Trip England and Dean Cooper of the
25 law firm of Brydon, Swaengen and England, Post

1 Office Box 456, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102,
2 appearing on behalf of the Company, Missouri
3 American Water.

4 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you.

5 Is that it? Okay. There are quite a
6 number of applications for intervention which have
7 not been ruled yet. That is because they are not
8 yet ripe under our procedural rules. As they
9 become ripe, they will be ruled. Okay? I'm glad
10 that those of you who represent parties which have
11 not yet been granted intervention have nonetheless
12 come to this prehearing conference.

13 The chief purpose of which is to hammer
14 out a procedural schedule to cover those aspects of
15 the procedure that has not yet been set by the
16 initial suspension order.

17 The other purpose of this meeting is to
18 give you an opportunity to discuss the issues that
19 are on the table and to resolve as many of them as
20 you possibly can, including the entire case, if you
21 can do it.

22 Do any of the parties have anything to
23 bring to the Commission's attention at this time?

24 Hearing nothing, I will adjourn the
25 recorded portion of the prehearing conference. The

1 room is at your disposal until five o'clock today.
2 I hope you will use it to, as I said before, settle
3 as much of the case as you possibly can. Hammer
4 out some procedural dates, those things that are
5 not yet determined. Thank you very much. It's
6 been nice to see you-all this morning.

7 WHEREUPON, the on-the-record portion of
8 the prehearing conference was concluded.

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