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12 v.)
13 Central Jefferson County)
14 Utilities, Inc.,)
15 Respondent.)

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17 RONALD D. PRIDGIN,
18 SENIOR REGULATORY LAW JUDGE.

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

2 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Good morning. We're on
3 the record. This is the pre-hearing conference, Case
4 No. WC-2007-0038; Office of the Public of the Public
5 Counsel versus Central Jefferson County Utilities,
6 Incorporated. I'm Ron Pridgin. I'm the regulatory law
7 judge assigned to hear this pre-hearing conference
8 that's being held on April 9th, 2007 in the Governor
9 Office Building in Jefferson City, Missouri. The time
10 is 10:00 a.m.

11 I would like to get entries of
12 appearance from counsel please, beginning with staff.

13 MR. KRUEGER: Keith R. Krueger for the
14 staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission. My
15 address is P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri
16 65102.

17 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Krueger, thank you.
18 On behalf of the Office of Public Counsel, please.

19 MS. BAKER: Thank you. Christina Baker,
20 P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102,
21 appearing for Office of Public Counsel and the rate
22 payers.

23 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Ms. Baker, thank you.
24 On behalf of the company, please.

25 MR. COOPER: Dean L. Cooper and William

1 R. England III from the law firm of Brydon, Swearengen
2 and England, PC, P.O. Box 456, Jefferson City, Missouri
3 65102, appearing on behalf of Central Jefferson County
4 Utilities, Inc.

5 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Cooper, thank you.
6 Mr. England, thank you. I don't recall any pending
7 motions. Are there any motions that the parties are
8 aware of that are pending or maybe should be brought to
9 my attention?

10 Hearing nothing, it looks like a new
11 list of issues, order of opening statements, list of
12 witnesses are due a week from today. And it looks like
13 we have the hearing set for April 30th, May 1st. I
14 understand counsel don't really know -- but looking at
15 the pre-file testimony, will counsel still anticipate a
16 two-day hearing? Or do you think this could perhaps
17 get done in one day?

18 MR. KRUEGER: I wouldn't expect two
19 days.

20 MS. BAKER: I would not.

21 MR. COOPER: I don't know of any reason
22 that it would go two days.

23 JUDGE PRIDGIN: I understand. We do
24 have --

25 MR. COOPER: From our perspective.

1 JUDGE PRIDGIN: -- the two days. Sure.
2 And I understand. We have the two days reserved. It's
3 not a problem if it does. But just in case the
4 Commissioners ask, I can inform them that the parties
5 anticipate that it will be finished in one day, if I'm
6 understanding you correctly.

7 All right. Is there anything else that
8 counsel needs to bring to my attention before we wrap
9 up this on the record portion of the conference?

10 MS. BAKER: I think the one thing that I
11 would like is maybe a status on the sale of this
12 particular utility.

13 JUDGE PRIDGIN: And if I recall
14 correctly, there's a separate sale case. And I think
15 the Commission issued a report and order. It may be
16 SO-2007-0071. I think the parties would know that
17 better than I would. But I do see that that case is
18 still open for status reports to be coming in. Are you
19 looking for something separate from those status
20 reports due in that sale case?

21 MS. BAKER: Yes.

22 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Okay.

23 MS. BAKER: Because we are coming toward
24 the hearing and I guess I just wanted to know if there
25 was anything that was going to be happening between now

1 and the hearing.

2 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. And I'll
3 take that to you to discuss after we go off the record.
4 If there's something that you want from the company by
5 way of discovery or simply to file in the case, that's
6 fine. If the parties are unable to agree then file a
7 motion, tell me what it is you want.

8 MS. BAKER: Okay.

9 JUDGE PRIDGIN: And we'll address that
10 then. Ms. Baker, thank you.

11 MS. BAKER: Thank you.

12 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Is there anything
13 further from the parties? Hearing nothing, that will
14 conclude the pre-hearing conference in WC-2007-0038.
15 You are free to use this room. It should be open until
16 five o'clock this evening. I will be up on the ninth
17 floor if you have any questions or concerns. Nothing
18 further from the parties? Thank you very much. We're
19 off the record.

20 (WHEREIN; hearing adjourned 10:06 a.m.)

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