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Water Company,)
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Respondent.)

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P R O C E E D I N G S

JUDGE GRAHAM: Let's go on the record. It's February 26, 2019. It's ten o'clock. The Commission has set this time for a Procedural Conference in the case captioned as Ray Ghasedi, Complainant, vs. Missouri-American Water Company, Respondent. Our file number is WC-2019-0178.

And as I told you, Mr. Ghasedi, I'm Paul Graham. I'm the Regulatory Law Judge in this matter. And as I said earlier before we went on the record, we're going to ask everybody to enter their appearance. Don't be put off by that, Mr. Ghasedi. I just want you to state your full name and state that you are here and present. Can you do that for me?

MR. GHASEDI: Yes, that's fine. It's Ray Ghasedi. I am residing at 1048 South McKnight, St. Louis, Missouri, 63117. I am sitting here with my wife, Janet Ghasedi.

JUDGE GRAHAM: All right. And you pronounce your name Ghasedi?

MR. GHASEDI: Yes, sir.

JUDGE GRAHAM: All right. I'll try to remember that and get it right in the future. Will Commission staff enter its appearance, please?

MR. PRINGLE: Yes. Travis Pringle, Legal

1 Counsel for staff. I have given my information to the
2 court reporter.

3 JUDGE GRAHAM: Okay.

4 MR. JOHNSON: Mark Johnson also on behalf of
5 the staff of the Public Service Commission.

6 JUDGE GRAHAM: Okay. I'm not sure if you
7 heard that, Mr. Ghasedi, but Mark Johnson is also here
8 as an attorney on behalf of the staff of the Public
9 Service Commission. Is the Office of Public Counsel
10 here? Okay. And I'm sure we have someone here for
11 Missouri-American Water?

12 MS. CARTER: Diana Carter with Brydon,
13 Swearngen & England for Missouri-American Water
14 Company, and I gave my contact information to the court
15 reporter before we got started.

16 JUDGE GRAHAM: Okay. And Timothy Luft will
17 not be here or do you know?

18 MS. CARTER: Oh, he will not be here.

19 JUDGE GRAHAM: Okay. All right. I don't
20 believe I've missed anyone. We're here for a Procedural
21 Conference. Are there any preliminary matters that need
22 to be taken up at this time that need to be addressed to
23 me?

24 Hearing none. Yes, Mr. Ghasedi?

25 MR. GHASEDI: We provide everything to you and

1 to the Commission and also we have more stuff to present
2 to the Commission because -- to the court, I'm sorry,
3 because on the phone due to my English it's really hard
4 to justify we have enough documents to present it. I
5 wish we could be there, you know, but any questions you
6 have I'll be more than happy to answer. I just want to
7 let you know when we were there they run a test on my
8 meter. They pull it out and what they did is the test
9 came out right. I am an engineer. I work for Union --
10 did work for Union Electric and I'm very much familiar
11 with that system.

12 JUDGE GRAHAM: Mr. Ghasedi, may I interrupt
13 you, please, would that be okay?

14 MR. GHASEDI: Please.

15 JUDGE GRAHAM: I think you have maybe a
16 misconception of what we are doing today. And let me
17 make you feel a little less perhaps anxious about this.
18 Today is not a trial. We're not having an evidentiary
19 hearing today. You don't need to be concerned about
20 whether you have presented all of your documents today.
21 You don't need to be concerned today about whether
22 you're here and testifying and I'm getting the whole
23 picture or the Commission is getting the whole picture.

24 We're setting up a procedure and a process
25 today that will help everyone, including you, get that

1 information together and to the Commission in a
2 systematic and understandable way under our rules and
3 then if necessary and if the case is not otherwise
4 settled by the parties, we'll go ahead at a point in the
5 future and we'll have a hearing on this when we can
6 present all of that information that you still have and
7 want us to see and where the other parties, particularly
8 Missouri-American Water Company, can do the same thing.
9 So you can relax a little bit here, because you don't
10 have to put on your case today. Okay?

11 MR. GHASEDI: Okay.

12 JUDGE GRAHAM: All right. And I think that
13 covers. Are there any other procedural matters from
14 staff or anyone that I need to address before I take off
15 here?

16 MR. PRINGLE: None from staff.

17 JUDGE GRAHAM: What I'm going to do, Mr.
18 Ghasedi, is I'm going to get up now and I'm going to
19 leave the room here. Please do not hang up the
20 telephone -- okay?

21 MR. GHASEDI: Okay, I won't.

22 JUDGE GRAHAM: -- because typically, and I
23 don't know how they're going to do it today, but very
24 often the staff attorneys, and you've heard them enter
25 their appearance here, that's Mr. Pringle and

1 Mr. Johnson, they'll kind of, and the other parties, of
2 course, they'll do it the way they want to, but they'll
3 work through setting up a procedural schedule that
4 addresses exactly the things that you were kind of
5 getting at there and that is how to get this in front of
6 me and in front of the Commission. Okay? So don't go
7 away. Okay?

8 MR. GHASEDI: I won't.

9 JUDGE GRAHAM: All right. There's a court
10 reporter here. Everything you say is being taken down.
11 I'm going to take off now. Okay?

12 MR. GHASEDI: Okay, sir.

13 JUDGE GRAHAM: You have a good day, your wife
14 as well.

15 MR. GHASEDI: Thank you. You do the same.

16 MS. CARTER: Thanks, Judge.

17 MR. PRINGLE: Thanks, Judge.

18 (Off the record.)
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