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13 Petitioner,)
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14 v.)
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15 Missouri American Water,)
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16 Respondent.)
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20 CHERLYN VOSS, Presiding,
REGULATORY LAW JUDGE.
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 JUDGE VOSS: Good morning. We are here
3 for a prehearing conference in Commission Case
4 No. WC-2008-0106, and I'm speaking as loudly as
5 possible. Ms. Schwab, can you hear me?

6 MS. SCHWAB: Yes, it's better, thank
7 you.

8 JUDGE VOSS: In the matter of
9 Mrs. Walter L. Schwab versus Missouri American Water
10 Company. My name is Cherlyn Voss. I'm the
11 regulatory law judge assigned to this case and I'll
12 be presiding over this prehearing conference. This
13 case was reassigned because Judge Voss [sic]
14 inadvertently received some ex parte information.

15 I just want to remind all parties that,
16 as judge, I can't discuss this case with any party
17 unless all parties are present or we're at a formal
18 recorded presentation such as today. Any party, and
19 that includes both Mrs. Schwab as well as the water
20 company, even the Public Counsel and the Commission
21 Staff.

22 That basically just ensures that I will
23 not be biased by any information that I hear and
24 everyone knows exactly where they stand and what I've
25 heard from every party. And I will assure everyone

1 here that all relevant information will get to the
2 Commission. I promise you that when we have the
3 formal hearing.

4 We're gonna begin by taking entries of
5 appearance. Mrs. Schwab, just state your name for
6 the record.

7 MS. SCHWAB: Geraldine Schwab.

8 JUDGE VOSS: Okay. Now Missouri
9 American Water Company.

10 MS. SULLIVAN: Yes. Mary Sullivan on
11 behalf of Missouri American Water. My address is
12 727 Craig, C-r-a-i-g, Road, St. Louis, Missouri.

13 JUDGE VOSS: The Commission Staff.

14 MR. KRUEGER: Keith R. Krueger for the
15 Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission. My
16 address is P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri
17 65102.

18 JUDGE VOSS: And I want to confirm that
19 no one from the Office of Public Counsel is on the
20 line.

21 Who do we have joining us?

22 MR. SMITH: This is Arlie Smith with the
23 Public Service Commission from the Water and Sewer
24 Department.

25 JUDGE VOSS: Okay. Mrs. Schwab, for

1 your information, that's one of the Staff members.
2 At this time we're gonna show that at 9:06 no one
3 from the Public Counsel is present in person or on
4 the phone.

5 Okay. As I stated earlier, Ms. Schwab,
6 the primary purpose of the prehearing conference is
7 to give you an opportunity to talk briefly with the
8 parties to see if there's any possibility for
9 settlement, and then also just to work out a
10 procedural schedule; primarily set a date in the
11 future when you can call in from a landline phone, if
12 necessary, if you're in Florida, and we can get you
13 an 800 number so it will be toll-free so you can call
14 from your house.

15 Are there any additional issues that I
16 need to address before we go off the record?

17 (NO RESPONSE.)

18 JUDGE VOSS: Okay. January 7th is the
19 date I'll need a procedural schedule from the
20 parties. And Ms. Schwab, if you have any questions,
21 feel free to call, for example, the Staff.
22 Procedurally they'd be someone you might be
23 comfortable with getting procedural information. And
24 if you have any procedural questions, like what to
25 file, you can talk to me, but I just can't hear any

1 of the details of your case, okay? Are you still
2 there? Hello? Is Mrs. Schwab still on the phone?

3 MS. SCHWAB: Yes, I am.

4 JUDGE VOSS: Okay. I was afraid I lost
5 you for a second. All right. I'm gonna leave.

6 We're gonna end the recorded portion of this so it's
7 just you and the parties discussing. Feel free to
8 speak up if you can't hear them, let them know that
9 you can't hear what they're saying, okay?

10 MS. SCHWAB: I can hardly hear them.

11 JUDGE VOSS: Well, it will be a
12 challenge with you on a cell phone in Florida, so
13 they will just have to speak as loudly as necessary.
14 I'm gonna let them have the phone now, okay? Good
15 luck, everybody, and just let me know.

16 (WHEREUPON, the recorded portion of the
17 prehearing conference was concluded.)

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