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Pre-Hearing Conference

April 7, 2016

Jefferson City, Missouri

Volume 1

In the Matter of:

The Joint Application of

Missouri -American Water )

Company and Woodland Manor )

Water Company, LLC for MAWC )

to Acquire Certain Water )

Assets of Woodland Manor and, )

in Connection therewith, )

Certain Other Related )

Transactions. )

File No. WM-2016-0169

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RON PRIDGIN, Presiding  
CHIEF REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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JUDGE PRIDGIN: Good morning. We are on the record. This is the prehearing conference in File No. WM-2016-0169 and this is in the matter of the joint application of Missouri -American Water Company and Woodland Manor Water Company, LLC for MAWC to acquire certain water assets of Woodland Manor, and in connection therewith, certain other related transactions.

I am Ron Pridgin; I am the regulatory law judge assigned to preside over this prehearing conference that's being held on April 7th, 2016, at the Governor Office Building and the time is approximately 10:00 in the morning.

Can I get oral entries of appearance from counsel, please, beginning with the Staff of the Commission.

MS. PAYNE: Whitney Payne for Staff Counsel's office.

JUDGE PRIDGIN: Ms. Payne, thank you. On behalf of the Office of Public Counsel please?

MR. OPITZ: On behalf of the Office of Public Counsel, Tim Opitz, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

1 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Opitz, thank you.  
2 On behalf of Missouri -American Water  
3 Company, please?

4 MR. COOPER: Dean Cooper on behalf of  
5 Missouri -American.

6 MR. LUFT: Tim Luft on behalf of  
7 Missouri -American. The court reporter has my  
8 information.

9 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Counsel, thank you.  
10 Any entry on behalf of Woodl and Manor  
11 Water Company?

12 All right. Hearing no entry, have I  
13 overlooked anyone?

14 All right. I convened this prehearing  
15 conference to try to get this case moving forward. I  
16 understand that the companies and the Staff have a  
17 disagreement on a condition proposed by Staff. So  
18 I'm giving you at least this one chance to get  
19 together and talk. And I don't think I put it in my  
20 order, but could I inquire from counsel, would I be  
21 able to get some sort of pleading from counsel in --  
22 I guess today's April 7th, so by April 14th, letting  
23 me know how the parties want to proceed? And whether  
24 that be by proposed procedural schedule, status  
25 report, stipulation? I'm seeing nods.

1 MR. COOPER: That would be fine.

2 MS. PAYNE: Yeah.

3 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Order that April 14th,  
4 just some sort of pleading on how the parties want to  
5 proceed.

6 I'm up on the ninth floor if you need me,  
7 as is the Commission's hearing couns-- calendar,  
8 excuse me. Just one caveat: Just because a date  
9 that you pick for hearing is free, it doesn't  
10 necessarily mean the Commission is free. So please  
11 understand, you know, the hearing room may be free,  
12 but that date may not be available because one or  
13 more commissioners may have a conflict.

14 Anything counsel needs to bring to my  
15 attention before we go off the record and I leave you  
16 to discuss matters?

17 MR. COOPER: No.

18 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Hearing  
19 nothing, if you're on the line, please stay on the  
20 line. I'm just going to go off the record and excuse  
21 myself. That will conclude the on-the-record portion  
22 of the pre-hearing conference in WM-2016-0169. Thank  
23 you. We're off the record.

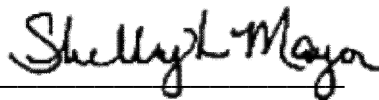
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CERTIFICATE

I, Shelley L. Mayer, a Certified Court Reporter, CCR No. 679, the officer before whom the foregoing hearing was taken, do hereby certify that the witness whose testimony appears in the foregoing hearing was duly sworn by me; that the testimony of said witness was taken by me to the best of my ability and thereafter reduced to typewriting under my direction; that I am neither counsel for, related to, nor employed by any of the parties to the action in which this hearing was taken, and further, that I am not a relative or employee of any attorney or counsel employed by the parties thereto, nor financially or otherwise interested in the outcome of the action.



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