

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

**In the Matter of the Small Company        )**  
**Rate Increase Request of Timber Creek    )**  
**Sewer Company                                )**

**Case No. SR-2008-0080**

**PARTIES' JOINT STATEMENT OF ISSUE AND**  
**PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, on its own behalf and on behalf of Timber Creek Sewer Company ("Company"), Hunt Midwest Real Estate Development, Inc. ("Hunt"), and the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC"), being all of the parties in this case, and submits the Parties' Joint Statement of Issue and Proposed Procedural Schedule.

**Background.** On October 31, 2007, at a prehearing conference attended by all parties, the Commission ordered the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule for this case by no later than November 7, 2007. On the same date, the parties discussed the issues in this case and the proposed procedural schedule.

**Statement of Issue.** The parties unanimously agreed that there is only one remaining issue in this case, to-wit:

**ISSUE:** Is the sewer service connection fee of \$2,650 per connection, which Timber Creek proposed in the tariff that it filed on October 19, 2007, lawful and reasonable?

**Proposed Procedural Schedule.** On the premise and understanding that this is the only remaining issue in this case, the parties unanimously agreed to recommend the following procedural schedule:

December 14, 2007	Direct Testimony by Company and Staff.
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January 15, 2008	Rebuttal Testimony by Hunt and OPC.
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February 8, 2008	Surrebuttal Testimony by all parties.
February 15, 2008	Parties file statements of position, proposed order of opening statement, proposed order of witnesses, and proposed order of cross-examination.
February 28, 2008	Evidentiary hearing.

**WHEREFORE**, the Staff, on behalf of all parties, respectfully submits this Joint Statement of Issue and Proposed Procedural Schedule for the Commission's consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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