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6	TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
7	Discovery Conference
8	June 18, 2012
9	Jefferson City, Missouri
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13	In the Matter of Missouri-American )
14	Water Company For a Certificate of )
15	Convenience and Necessity )
16	Authorizing it to Install, Own, ) File No. WA-2012-0066,
17	Acquire, Construct, Operate, ) et al.
18	Control, Manage and Maintain Water )
19	And Sewer Systems in Christian and )
20	Taney Counties, Missouri )
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24	DEPUTY CHIEF REGULATORY LAW JUDGE.
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Page 9 PROCEEDINGS 1 (WHEREUPON, the discovery conference began 2 3 at 9:00 a.m.) JUDGE STEARLEY: Good morning. It's 4 Monday, June 18th, 2012. The Commission set this time for 5 a discovery conference in File No. WA-2012-0066, captioned 6 7 as in the matter of Missouri-American Water Company for certificate of convenience and necessity authorizing it to 8 9 install, own, acquire, construct, operate, control, manage and maintain water and sewer systems in Christian and 10 Taney Counties, Missouri. 11 12 My name is Harold Stearley, and I'm the presiding officer in this matter. At this time we'll take 13 14 entries of appearance, starting with Missouri-American. 15 MR. COOPER: Dean Cooper appearing on behalf of Missouri-American Water Company. The court 16 17 reporter has the address. 18 JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you, Mr. Cooper. 19 For Ag Processing? 20 MR. CONRAD: Your Honor, let the record show Stuart Conrad of Finnegan, Conrad & Peterson in 21 22 Kansas City appearing for Ag Processing by courtesy of the 23 telephone. 24 JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you, Mr. Conrad. For the Office of Public Counsel? 25

1	Page 10 MS. BAKER: Thank you. Christina Baker
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2	appearing on behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel.
3	JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you, Ms. Baker. And
4	for the Commission Staff?
5	MS. LEWIS: Rachel Lewis and Goldie
6	Tompkins on behalf of Staff of the Missouri Public Service
7	Commission. We've already submitted our addresses as
8	well.
9	JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you. I know there's
10	a pending motion on extending a couple of the procedural
11	deadlines, and there will be a written order being issued
12	soon, but those extensions have been granted.
13	MS. LEWIS: Thank you, Judge.
14	JUDGE STEARLEY: No problem with that. Are
15	there any issues we need to take up? I know we have
16	hearing next week.
17	MR. CONRAD: Judge, the only thing that I
18	wanted to bring up, and it may be very quickly dealt with,
19	we sent out some data requests to Staff, the company, and
20	also a couple to Public Counsel. My date was the 18th,
21	but I don't recall if they got in before five, in which
22	case it might be the 12th.
23	But in any event, I think the question
24	really in my mind with respect to MAWC and Public Counsel
25	was, if those were outstanding but responses are not yet

1	Page 11 due, I'm reading the Order to be that any response or
2	objection would not be covered or expected to be covered
3	in this conference because at this point I don't think
4	responses are due. It's possible that if it was done on
5	the 12th, it could be that objections would be due and at
6	least at this point I haven't gotten it from either of the
7	parties.
8	JUDGE STEARLEY: We'll just eliminate that
9	possibility and I will extend the last date to serve
10	discovery requests to the 12th just in case there's one
11	out on the 12th, and I assume the parties are in the
12	process of responding to those.
13	MS. BAKER: Yes, we are.
14	MR. COOPER: Yes.
15	MR. CONRAD: And Staff had given us a
16	response, actually, I believe theirs was dated the 15th,
17	and there were a couple of objections in it, but they had
18	gone ahead to say, without waiving, the Staff provides the
19	following more specific responses. And I think at this
20	point we probably would just let those ride with the case.
21	So I'm not intending to raise anything with respect to
22	those.
23	MR. COOPER: And I'm sorry, Stu. Let me
24	say this. I think by our count, the fifth business day to
25	object is today. I'm not at this point anticipating any

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1	objections, but if my client decides otherwise before the				
2	end of the day and that becomes an issue, certainly we				
3	will make ourselves available as soon as need be to deal				
4	with that with you, your Honor. But like I say, right now				
5	I don't anticipate any. I would anticipate responses				
6	being provided.				
7	JUDGE STEARLEY: If there are some				
8	problems, e-mail or call and we can do a telephone				
9	conference before next week's hearing.				
10	MR. COOPER: Great.				
11	MR. CONRAD: That would be fine, your				
12	Honor.				
13	JUDGE STEARLEY: Is there anything else we				
14	need to take up?				
15	MS. LEWIS: Staff doesn't have anything.				
16	JUDGE STEARLEY: All right. We will go off				
17	the record. If you-all need to have any discussions, you				
18	may certainly feel free to do so.				
19	(WHEREUPON, the discovery conference				
20	concluded at 9:05 a.m.)				
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1	Page 13 CERTIFICATE
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4	COUNTY OF COLE )
5	I, Kellene K. Feddersen, Certified
6	Shorthand Reporter with the firm of Midwest Litigation
7	Services, do hereby certify that I was personally present
8	at the proceedings had in the above-entitled cause at the
9	time and place set forth in the caption sheet thereof;
10	that I then and there took down in Stenotype the
11	proceedings had; and that the foregoing is a full, true
12	and correct transcript of such Stenotype notes so made at
13	such time and place.
14	Given at my office in the City of
15	Jefferson, County of Cole, State of Missouri.
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