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In this complaint, which was filed on July 27, 2007,<sup>1</sup> the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission seeks Commission orders: (1) directing Staff to investigate the quality of water supplied by Suburban Water and Sewer Company, Inc. (“Suburban”) and Gordon Burnam and the methods employed by them in supplying and distributing water for any purpose; (2) directing Staff to file a recommendation concerning that investigation; (3) setting this matter for a full evidentiary hearing; and (4) requiring Suburban and Mr. Burnam to make reasonable improvements to the water system to promote the public interest, preserve the public health, and protect Suburban’s customers. On August 6, the Commission issued an order directing its Staff to promptly commence the specified investigation, and to file a report concerning the results of that investigation no later than September 20.

The complaint also included Staff's Motion for Expedited Treatment, in which Staff requested priority treatment and consideration of its complaint under Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(16). In particular, Staff asked that the Commission hold an evidentiary hearing by no later than October 15, and that it issue its decision by no later than November 15. In support of that motion, Staff alleged, *inter alia*, that: Suburban has stated a clear intention to wind up its affairs and leave the water business; Mr. Burnam is a resident of Florida, and is in Missouri only for limited amounts of time each year; a system failure may be imminent due to the deteriorated condition of the system; and that expedited treatment is appropriate to avoid harm to Suburban's customers and ensure that they receive safe and adequate water service. On August 6, the Commission ordered any party who wished to oppose Staff's July 27 Motion for Expedited Treatment to do so by filing an appropriate pleading no later than August 13. No such responsive pleading has been filed by either of the Respondents, so Staff's motion is now ripe for consideration by the Commission.

The Commission finds that Staff's motion sets forth sufficient facts and circumstances to justify expedited treatment and consideration of its complaint, and that it is in the best interest of both the parties and Suburban's customers alike to have this matter resolved as quickly as possible. Therefore, the Commission will grant Staff's Motion for Expedited Treatment.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Motion for Expedited Treatment filed by Staff on July 27, 2007 is granted.

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<sup>1</sup> All dates specified in this order refer to the calendar year 2007.

2. This order shall become effective on August 24, 2007.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Benjamin H. Lane, Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
under Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 24th day of August, 2007.