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5 PREHEARING CONFERENCE

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7 Jefferson City, Missouri  
8 Volume 2  
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10 In the Matter of Missouri Public )  
11 Service's Purchased Gas ) Case No. GR-99-435  
12 Adjustment Factors to be Audited )  
13 in its 1998-1999 Actual Cost )  
14 Adjustment )

15 BEFORE:

16 MORRIS L. WOODRUFF, Presiding,  
17 SENIOR REGULATORY LAW JUDGE.  
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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 (Written Entries of Appearance filed.)

3 JUDGE WOODRUFF: We're here for a prehearing  
4 conference in GR-99-435, which is the PGA case for  
5 Missouri Public Service for its 1998-1999 actual cost  
6 adjustment.

7 We'll begin by taking entries of appearance.  
8 For Staff?

9 MR. FRANSON: Robert Franson, Associate  
10 General Counsel, representing the Staff of the  
11 Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360,  
12 Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102.

13 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you.  
14 And for Public Counsel?

15 MR. MICHEEL: Douglas E. Micheel, appearing  
16 on behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel and the  
17 public, P.O. Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri,  
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19 JUDGE WOODRUFF: And for UtiliCorp?

20 MR. COOPER: Dean L. Cooper, with the law  
21 firm Brydon, Swearngen & England, P.C., P.O. Box 456,  
22 Jefferson City, Missouri, appearing on behalf of  
23 UtiliCorp United, Inc., doing business as Missouri  
24 Public Service.

25 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you.

1           Of course, the main reason you're here today  
2   is to prepare a proposed procedural schedule which by  
3   prior order was made due on December 17th.

4           I also wanted to ask about the relation of  
5   this case with GO-2001-249, the investigation case. I  
6   understand that there may have been an agreement in  
7   that case; is that correct?

8           MR. FRANSON: Judge, I think it's a little  
9   premature to discuss that.

10          Would you concur, gentlemen?

11          MR. COOPER: There's been an order -- I  
12   guess there has been some indication that the parties  
13   may come together in that case, and there's been an  
14   order that directs the parties to either come together  
15   or not by a date certain in January.

16          MR. FRANSON: Right.

17          MR. COOPER: And that's essentially the  
18   status of that case.

19          JUDGE WOODRUFF: What is the relation of  
20   that case to this case then?

21          MR. FRANSON: It's primarily financial,  
22   Judge. There's aspects of the report in GO-2001-249  
23   that refer to aspects of what we have here. And the  
24   financial aspects, I think our proposal was, and I  
25   believe the Company agreed, and I haven't heard

1 anything contrary from OPC, that those aspects would  
2 be decided in this case and the following MoPub ACA  
3 cases.

4 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay.

5 MR. COOPER: I guess to add to that, I don't  
6 think there is anything that would happen in the 249  
7 case that would change the need to set a procedural  
8 schedule here.

9 JUDGE WOODRUFF: That is really what I was  
10 looking for here, that knowledge.

11 Okay. Are there any other matters that  
12 anyone wants to bring up while we're on the record?

13 MR. FRANSON: Not on behalf of Staff, your  
14 Honor.

15 MR. COOPER: No, your Honor.

16 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Then I'll leave you to your  
17 discussions, and we'll be expecting a procedural  
18 schedule next week.

19 Thank you-all very much, and we're off the  
20 record then.

21 WHEREUPON, the prehearing conference was  
22 concluded.

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