

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Tariff Filing of Algonquin Water)
Resources of Missouri, LLC, to Implement a General)
Rate Increase for Water and Sewer Service Provided)
to Customers in its Missouri Service Areas.)
Case No. WR-2006-0425

ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: July 5, 2006

Effective Date: July 5, 2006

On May 5, 2006, Algonquin Water Resources of Missouri, LLC submitted to the Commission proposed tariff sheets intended to implement a general rate increase for water and sewer service provided in its Missouri service area. The Commission ordered the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule no later than June 26.

The Commission has reviewed the proposed procedural schedule. Because the Commission must hold hearings on other rate cases near the time that the parties want this case heard, the Commission must deviate from the parties' suggested dates. The Commission will issue a separate order concerning a local public hearing. Therefore, the Commission orders the following schedule and finds that the following conditions should be applied to the schedule:

(A) The Commission will require the prefiling of testimony as defined in 4 CSR 240-2.130. All parties shall comply with this rule, including the requirement that testimony be filed on line-numbered pages. The practice of prefiling testimony is designed to give parties notice of the claims, contentions and evidence in issue and to avoid unnecessary objections and delays caused by allegations of unfair surprise at the hearing.

(B) The parties shall agree on and file a list of issues to be determined herein by the Commission. Staff shall be responsible for actually drafting and filing the list of issues and the other parties shall cooperate with Staff in the development thereof. Any issue not included in the issues list will be presumed to not require determination by the Commission.

(C) Each party shall file a list of the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing and the order in which they shall be called. The parties shall propose the order of cross-examination and file a joint pleading indicating the same.

(D) The Commission's general policy provides for the filing of the transcript within two weeks after the hearing. If any party seeks to expedite the filing of the transcript, such request shall be tendered in writing to the Presiding Judge at least five days prior to the date of the hearing.

(E) All pleadings, briefs and amendments shall be filed in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.080. The briefs to be submitted by the parties shall follow the same list of issues as filed in the case. The briefs must set forth and cite the proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission.

(F) All parties are required to bring an adequate number of copies of exhibits that they intend to offer into evidence at the hearing. If an exhibit has been prefiled, only one copy of the exhibit is necessary for the court reporter. If an exhibit has not been prefiled, the party offering it should bring, in addition to a copy for the court reporter, copies for the five Commissioners, the Presiding Judge, and all counsel.

(G) All parties will provide copies of testimony, exhibits and pleadings to other counsel by electronic means and in electronic form essentially concurrently with the filing of such testimony, exhibits or pleadings.

(H) All parties shall strive to not include in data request questions either highly confidential or proprietary information. If either highly confidential or proprietary information must be included in data request questions, the highly confidential or proprietary information should be appropriately designated as such pursuant to the Protective Order in this case.

(I) No continuance for negotiation will be granted without the submission of a Stipulation and Agreement covering those matters on which testimony was scheduled for the period of the requested continuance. No motions for continuance will be granted without a hearing unless the parties submit a unanimous Stipulation and Agreement.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The parties are directed to comply with the conditions set out in this order.
2. The following procedural schedule is adopted:

Company files case updated for known and measurable changes through September 30, 2006	October 31, 2006
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Direct Testimony, non-Algonquin parties, revenue requirement	November 15, 2006
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Direct Testimony, non-Algonquin parties, class cost of service and rate design	December 1, 2006
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Staff files case reconciliation	December 8, 2006
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Prehearing Conference	December 14-15, 2006
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Rebuttal Testimony – all parties	December 28, 2006
Order of Witnesses - Order of Cross-Examination	January 5, 2007
Surrebuttal Testimony – all parties	January 12, 2007
Statement of Position – all parties	January 17, 2007
Staff files reconciliation of issues to be heard	January 17, 2007
Evidentiary Hearing	January 22-26, 2007 8:30 a.m.

The hearing and prehearing conference will be held at the Commission's offices in the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, a facility that meets the accessibility standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If any person needs additional accommodations to participate in these proceedings, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 prior to the hearing or prehearing conference.

3. This order shall become effective on July 5, 2006.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Ronald D. Pridgin, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 5th day of July, 2006.