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15	Service Provided in Missouri)
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9	(Whereupon, proceedings began at
10	6:01 p.m. on Thursday,
11	February 1, 2018, with appearances
12	as noted.)
13	JUDGE BURTON: Let's go ahead and go on
14	the record in File Number WR-2017-0285, et al., in
15	the matter of Missouri-American Water Company's
16	request for authority to implement a general rate
17	increase for water and sewer service provided in
18	Missouri service areas.
19	Today is Thursday, February 1st, 2018,
20	and we are at Joplin, Missouri, in the
21	Mills-Anderson Justice Center.
22	The Commission has set this time and
23	place, which is approximately 6 o'clock p.m., for a
24	local public hearing in this matter.
25	My name is Kim Burton, and I'm a

- 1 regulatory law judge with the Missouri Public
- 2 Service Commission. And on my left I have
- 3 Commissioner Kenney.
- 4 At this time we will take entries of
- 5 appearance from the attorneys. We'll begin with
- 6 Missouri-American Water Company.
- 7 MR. LUFT: Thank you, Judge Burton.
- 8 Tim Luft, Missouri-American Water, and the court
- 9 reporter has my information.
- 10 JUDGE BURTON: And on behalf of the
- 11 staff?
- MS. KLAUS: Alexandra Klaus for staff
- 13 of the Missouri Public Service Commission, and the
- 14 transcriber has my information.
- 15 JUDGE BURTON: On behalf of the Office
- 16 of the Public Counsel?
- 17 MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you, judge. On
- 18 behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel, Hampton
- 19 Williams. And the reporter has my contact
- 20 information.
- JUDGE BURTON: Now at this time I will
- 22 look over the list of individuals who have
- 23 identified an interest in coming forward and
- 24 testifying on the record for the Commission's
- 25 consideration.

1	We do have a court reporter here to
2	transcribe what is being said, so I will call your
3	name and have you come forward and swear you in,
4	state your name for the record so that the court
5	reporter can get your name written down correctly,
6	and we will hear what you have to say.
7	We do have a timer here. We'll try to
8	keep it at five minutes, but we'll see how much of a
9	need we have for that.
10	We'll go ahead and begin with Gary
11	Kenny.
12	(A witness is called to the stand
13	and is placed under oath by Judge
14	Burton.)
15	JUDGE BURTON: Will you please state
16	and spell your name for the record.
17	THE WITNESS: My name is Gary, G-A-R-Y,
18	Kenny, K-E-N-N-Y.
19	COMMISSIONER KENNEY: You left off the
20	E.
21	THE WITNESS: I left off the E. This
22	gentleman misspells his name.
23	COMMISSIONER KENNEY: It's my cousin.
24	* * * *
25	GARY KENNY,

1 of lawful age, having been called as a witness and being first duly sworn, was examined and testified 2 3 as follows: 4 THE WITNESS: I would just like to make 5 the comment that -- obviously there's I believe only 6 two of us here to speak tonight. 7 And I don't know what it costs the 8 government to have all you people come down here for 9 the public hearing, but it seems like it would be 10 worth your while to -- I know it's probably against 11 your policy to pay for paid advertising in the 12 Joplin Globe and other media in the area. 13 But obviously with only two people here 14 and I don't know how many people are affected by 15 these rate hearings, but obviously the word needs to 16 get out more. 17 I just heard about this meeting yesterday. I got a -- received an email from the 18 19 city about this yesterday. And I just think you 20 need to do a lot more to publicize these meetings. 21 That's all I have to say. Thank you. 22 JUDGE BURTON: Thank you, Mr. Kenny. 23 COMMISSIONER KENNEY: Thank you. 24 (End of witness testimony.) 25 JUDGE BURTON: The commission will next

1	here from Robert Marzullo.
2	THE WITNESS: My name is Robert
3	JUDGE BURTON: Please raise your right
4	hand.
5	THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.
6	(A witness is called to the stand
7	and is placed under oath by Judge
8	Burton.)
9	JUDGE BURTON: Please state and spell
10	your name.
11	THE WITNESS: Robert Marzullo,
12	R-O-B-E-R-T, last name is M-A-R-Z-U-L-L-O.
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14	ROBERT MARZULLO,
15	of lawful age, having been called as a witness and
16	being first duly sworn, was examined and testified
17	as follows:
18	THE WITNESS: And most of the questions
19	I had were answered by Bruce over there.
20	But my overall comment is regarding the
21	seniors. A lot of seniors of course, we got a 2
22	percent increase in social security this year, which
23	does not go a long ways to cover our overhead.
24	But the point I'm trying to make is I
25	encourage the company to try to expand a program

1 which would give a reduction to people that are affected at the low income, whatever, because 2. 3 there's a lot of people out there that, you know, 4 are just trying to make ends meet. So if -- if 5 this -- again, I would encourage the company to consider that. 6 7 The other thing that kind of goes along with what Gary was saying is it would be nice to 9 know what exactly the criteria the PSC uses to determine rate increases. 10 11 You know, the -- this area, part of the 12 state, of course, is the more rural and the rates --13 you know, you have different economic classes. Some 14 people down in this area may not make as much as the 15 people in St. Louis or Kansas City. 16 So I'm wondering what factors you guys 17 take into account in the different areas in the state, you see what I'm getting at, and its economy 18 19 and so forth. 20 So that's basically all I have to say 21 on that. 22 COMMISSIONER KENNEY: Thank you, sir. 23 JUDGE BURTON: Thank you, sir. 24 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 25 (End of witness testimony.)

1 JUDGE BURTON: Is there anyone else 2 here who would like to testify? 3 I just want to state that the actual 4 evidentiary hearing is scheduled to last about two 5 weeks and perhaps, Mr. Marzullo, this will answer some of your questions. 6 7 The parties, a lot of the parties, more 8 than those who are just here, have prefiled a lot of 9 testimony in this case. So if you're interested and 10 want to review some of that testimony, that's 11 available through the Commission's website through 12 this file number. 13 And individuals from the staff, the 14 company, and the public counsel can help you get 15 information on how to do that after this hearing. 16 We'll go off the record and I'll answer any more 17 questions you might have. 18 We have the evidentiary hearing 19 starting on February 26th in Jefferson City. You're 20 welcome to attend. It's open to the public. 21 not as exciting as maybe an Avengers movie, but you 22 know, we do have football players at times. 23 But you can, if you would like, watch 24 it through the Internet. The Commission has a live 25 stream for the hearings, so if you go to the

1	Commission's website, www.psc.mo.gov, at that time,					
2	it should be starting.					
3	And if you are considering driving up					
4	to Jefferson City, I would say please, please check					
5	with the Commission or any of the staff and counsel					
6	to make sure that the issues haven't settled and					
7	we've changed the start date before you take that					
8	long drive, journey up to beautiful Jefferson City,					
9	Missouri.					
10	But thank you, everyone. And seeing no					
11	other individuals who would like to testify, we will					
12	go ahead and go off the record. Thank you.					
13	(Whereupon, the proceedings were					
14	concluded at 6:08 p.m. on					
15	Thursday, February 1, 2018.)					
16	(No exhibits were marked during					
17	the course of these proceedings.)					
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