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In the Matter of Missouri-American )  
Water Company's Tariff to Revise ) Case No. WR-2003-0500  
Water and Sewer Rate Schedules. )

KEVIN A. THOMPSON, Presiding,  
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P R O C E E D I N G S

JUDGE THOMPSON: Good morning. My name is Kevin Thompson. I'm the Regulatory Law Judge assigned to preside over this matter, which is in the matter of Missouri-American Water Company's tariff to revise water and sewer rate schedules, Case No. WR-2003-0500.

At this time we'll begin with oral entries of appearance. Why don't we begin with the company?

MR. ENGLAND: Thank you, your Honor. Let the record reflect the appearance of W.R. England, Dean Cooper, Rich Ciottone and David Abernathy on behalf of the applicant, Missouri-American Water Company.

JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you.  
Staff?

MR. SNODGRASS: Yes. Good morning, Judge. Cliff Snodgrass appearing for the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission. In addition, Judge, Keith Krueger, Tim Schwarz and Bruce Bates will also be appearing for the Staff in this case. My business address, Judge, is Governor Office Building, Suite 800, 200 Madison Street, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you, Mr. Snodgrass.  
Now, Public Counsel?

MS. O'NEILL: Good morning. Ruth O'Neill for the Office of the Public Counsel and the Public. Our

1 address is Post Office Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri  
2 65102.

3 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you. You don't have  
4 any friends you want to enter their appearance for, too?

5 MS. O'NEILL: No. I just thought I'd be on my  
6 own today.

7 JUDGE THOMPSON: Now, we have many  
8 intervenors, and why don't we just start over here with  
9 Mr. Curtis and work our way across the room?

10 MR. CURTIS: Thank you very much. Leland B.  
11 Curtis and Carl Lumley of the law firm of Curtis, Oetting,  
12 et al, 130 South Bemiston, Suite 200, St. Louis, Missouri  
13 63105, entering on behalf of the City of Warrensburg.

14 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you.

15 MR. STEWART: Charles Brent Stewart, the law  
16 firm of Stewart & Keevil, LLC, 4603 John Garry Drive,  
17 Suite 11, Columbia, Missouri 65203, appearing on behalf of  
18 the Empire District Electric Company.

19 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you.

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21 MR. DOWNEY: Edward F. Downey, Bryan Cave,  
22 LLP, 221 Bolivar Street, Suite 100, Jefferson City, Missouri  
23 65101, appearing on behalf of the Missouri Industrial Energy  
24 Consumers.

25 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you.

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1 Mr. Fischer?

2 MR. FISCHER: James M. Fischer, Fischer &  
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4 65101, appearing today on behalf of three public water  
5 supply districts, Public Water Supply District No. 1 and 2  
6 of Andrew County, and Public Water Supply District No. 1 of  
7 DeKalb County. That's D-e capital K-a-l-b.

8 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you.

9 Mr. Comley?

10 MR. COMLEY: Good morning, your Honor. Let  
11 the record reflect the entry of Mark W. Comley, Newman,  
12 Comley & Ruth, PC, 601 Monroe Street, Jefferson City,  
13 Missouri, on behalf of the City of Jefferson.

14 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you.

15 Mr. Zobrist?

16 MR. ZOBRIST: Karl Zobrist and Timothy  
17 Swenson, Blackwell, Sanders, Peper, Martin, Suite 2300 --  
18 pardon me -- Suite 1100, 2300 Main Street, Kansas City,  
19 Missouri 64108, on behalf of the St. Joseph Water Rate  
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21 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you.

22 Mr. Finnegan?

23 MR. FINNEGAN: Jeremiah Finnegan, Finnegan,  
24 Conrad & Peterson, LC, 3100 Broadway, Suite 1209,  
25 Kansas City, Missouri 64111, appearing on behalf of the City

1 of Riverside.

2                   And I also want to enter the appearance of  
3 Mr. Stewart Conrad of the same firm and address on behalf of  
4 AGP. He's in another hearing room at this point.

5                   JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you, sir.

6                   Any intervenors that I have neglected or  
7 overlooked?

8                   MS. BOND: Yes, sir.

9                   JUDGE THOMPSON: Yes, ma'am?

10                  MS. BOND: Jan Bond at the firm Diekemper  
11 Hammond, 7730 Carondelet, Suite 200, St. Louis, Missouri  
12 63105, and I'm here on behalf of Utility Workers Local 335.

13                  JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you.

14                  Other intervenors? Sir?

15                  MR. ELLINGER: Marc Ellinger, firm of Blitz,  
16 Bardgett & Deutsch, 308 East High, Suite 301, Jefferson  
17 City, 65101, on behalf of Intervenor City of Joplin.  
18 Mr. Jim Deutsch may also be here. He has a conflict at the  
19 moment.

20                  JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you, sir.

21                  Yes, ma'am?

22                  MS. LANGENECKERT: Lisa C. Langeneckert, Law  
23 Office of Robert Johnson, 720 Olive, 24th Floor, St. Louis,  
24 Missouri 63101, representing the Missouri Energy Group. I'd  
25 also like to enter the appearance of Robert Johnson who will



1 be appearing in this matter as well.

2 JUDGE THOMPSON: Thank you, ma'am.

3 Is that everyone? Any more intervenors hiding  
4 back there?

5 Okay. This opens the week-long prehearing  
6 conference in which you guys will do a lot of things behind  
7 the scenes and I will do nothing. However, I will be  
8 present in the building in case you need me, and I will be  
9 happy to come down here to yell at people or to encourage  
10 you to settle things or whatever seems to be needed.

11 Do any of the parties have anything to bring  
12 to my attention at this time?

13 (No response.)

14 Well, that's exactly the response I like best.  
15 Thank you. We will end the recorded portion of the  
16 prehearing conference at this time. Have a happy and  
17 productive week.

18 I will remind you we have a local public  
19 hearing in the large hearing room Wednesday of this week  
20 starting at 5 o'clock. I'll see you then.

21 WHEREUPON, the recorded portion of the  
22 prehearing conference was concluded.

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