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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
Pre-Hearing Conference
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In The Matter Of Petition)
Of Missouri-American Water)
Company For Approval To) File No. WO-2019-0184
Establish An Infrastructure) Tariff No. YW-2019-0160
System Replacement)
Surcharge (ISRS).)

CHARLES HATCHER, Presiding
REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 JUDGE HATCHER: Let's bring the proceeding to
3 order and go on the record. Good morning. Today is May
4 2, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. The Commission has set this time
5 for a pre-hearing conference regarding the file In The
6 Matter Of The Petition Of Missouri-American Water
7 Company For Approval To Establish An Infrastructure
8 System Replacement Surcharge, File No. WO-2019-0184.

9 My name is Charles Hatcher. I am the
10 Regulatory Law Judge assigned to this case. Let's have
11 counsel for the parties make their entry of appearance,
12 please. For Missouri-American?

13 MR. COOPER: Dean Cooper from the law firm of
14 Brydon Swearngen & England, PC appearing on behalf of
15 Missouri-American Water Company, as well as Mr. Timothy
16 Luft of Missouri-American Water Company who is on the
17 telephone.

18 MS. ASLIN: Casi Aslin for Staff. My
19 information has been provided to the court reporter.

20 MS. SHEMWELL: Lera Shemwell for the Office of
21 the Public Counsel and the public, and she has my
22 information. Thank you, Judge.

23 JUDGE HATCHER: Excellent. Any party that is
24 not present or not represented that we know of? Are
25 there any preliminary matters?

1 Okay. As you all know, the purpose of a
2 pre-hearing conference is to bring you all together so
3 the Commission knows that you have met at least once to
4 discuss settlement and to set a procedural schedule,
5 which is the important thing coming out of this. On the
6 procedural schedule, I just wanted to ask was there any
7 discussion of the Commission's timeline in its order
8 yesterday?

9 MR. COOPER: Well, I guess I came prepared to
10 discuss that.

11 JUDGE HATCHER: Okay.

12 MS. SHEMWELL: And I'm willing to call my
13 witness down.

14 MR. COOPER: We haven't yet. We kind of
15 sketched something out. One of the questions that I
16 think I have or that may figure into this a little bit
17 is if we have an expedited transcript how quickly can we
18 expedite it I guess, because that figures into a day,
19 two days, could it be that if our hearing is less than a
20 day in length?

21 JUDGE HATCHER: I'll take a nod and verbalize
22 that for the record.

23 (The court reporter agreed next day is
24 possible.)

25 JUDGE HATCHER: How many witnesses are we

1 guessing?

2 MR. COOPER: We will likely have two, which we
3 did last time, although one of them will be more
4 substantive, the other will be more sort of procedural I
5 guess in terms of things.

6 MS. SHEMWELL: Who is that?

7 MR. COOPER: Brian LaGrand and then, of
8 course, John Wilde.

9 MS. ASLIN: I think we'll just have two.

10 MR. OLIGSCHLAEGER: Yes.

11 MR. COOPER: Probably similar to us. Maybe
12 not. I'm thinking one of your witnesses primarily kind
13 of just gave the background of the overall ISRS.

14 MR. OLIGSCHLAEGER: I handle the theory; other
15 people handle the numbers. That's too much for me to
16 handle.

17 MS. SHEMWELL: And we will have one, John
18 Riley.

19 JUDGE HATCHER: So about five total. That
20 sounds like one dayable. All right. So we'll have a
21 one-day turnaround, make sure and put that in an
22 official request.

23 MS. SHEMWELL: We do live rebuttal in this
24 process typically.

25 MR. COOPER: Well, yeah. Let's talk about

1 that when we get a chance.

2 JUDGE HATCHER: I'll let you guys figure that
3 out. Okay. No other questions for me? All right.
4 Well, I would tell you that you have the phone number
5 until noon, but we can't make that work. Please leave
6 the room in the order that you found it or better. I'm
7 available on the 9th floor if you need anything. Are
8 there any other issues or matters that I forgot to
9 mention or didn't bring up?

10 MS. SHEMWELL: No.

11 MS. ASLIN: No.

12 JUDGE HATCHER: Okay. Then hearing none, we
13 are off the record.

14 (Off the record.)

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