## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Elm Hills Utility Operating	)	
Company, Inc.'s Request for a Water Rate	)	Case No. WR-2020-0275
Increase	)	

## JOINT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"), by and through counsel, and on behalf of Elm Hills Utility Operating Company, Inc. ("Elm Hills") and the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC") (collectively the "Parties"), submits its *Proposed Procedural Schedule* in response to the Commission's September 30, 2020, *Order Granting Request for Evidentiary Hearing, Waiving Deadlines, Suspending Tariffs, and Directing New Joint Proposed Schedule*, and in support thereof respectfully states as follows:

1. The Parties request that the Commission adopt the following Procedural Schedule:1

<u>Event</u> <u>Date</u>

Direct Testimony – All Parties October 22, 2020

Rebuttal Testimony November 10, 2020

Surrebuttal Testimony December 2, 2020

Settlement Conference December 7, 2020

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> OPC may request a change to the proposed schedule in the event that the Commission grants it's pending *Motion for Order Regarding the Production of Documents* in such a manner as to require the production of documents after the deadline for filing testimony which would have addressed such documents has passed. Such change will be directed solely to addressing information developed as a result of any order for the production of documents that could not have been addressed in the absence of said order. Other parties maintain their right to oppose any such request.

Stipulation of Facts December 9, 2020

List of Issues, Order of Witnesses, Etc. December 9, 2020

Statements of Position December 11, 2020

Evidentiary Hearing December 17, 2020

Initial Post-Hearing Briefs January 7, 2020

Reply Briefs January 19, 2020

2. Further, the Parties agree to an expedited discovery schedule as follows: as of the date of an order approving this schedule, the response time for data requests shall be ten (10) calendar days to provide the requested information, and five (5) business days to object or to notify the requesting party that more than ten (10) calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays the Commission will accept its *Proposed Procedural Schedule*; issue an Order setting the dates of this procedural schedule; and grant such other and further relief the Commission deems just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

## <u>/s/ Mark Johnson</u>

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile, or electronically mailed to all parties and or counsel of record on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

/s/ Mark Johnson