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Seth and Jeanette Langton,)
Complainants,)
v.) Case No. WC-2008-0350
Missouri American Water,)
Respondents.)

HAROLD STEARLEY, Presiding,
REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 JUDGE STEARLEY: Ready to go on the
3 record. Good morning. Today is Monday, July 14th,
4 2008. We are here for a prehearing conference in the
5 case Seth and Jeanette Langton versus Missouri
6 American Water Company, Case No. WC-2008-0350.

7 My name is Harold Stearley and I'm the
8 presiding officer on this matter. This case was
9 reassigned formerly from Judge Lane.

10 We will begin by taking oral entries of
11 appearance, beginning with the Staff of the Missouri
12 Public Service Commission.

13 MR. KRUEGER: Keith R. Krueger for the
14 Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission. My
15 address is P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri
16 65102.

17 JUDGE STEARLEY: Okay. Missouri
18 American Water Company.

19 MR. JONES: This is Kenneth Jones with
20 Missouri American Water Company. I'm at 727 Craig
21 Road, C-r-a-i-g, St. Louis, Missouri 63141.

22 JUDGE STEARLEY: Office of the Public
23 Counsel?

24 (NO RESPONSE.)

25 JUDGE STEARLEY: I see no one present

1 for the Office of the Public Counsel, and we'll let
2 the record reflect that. And Mr. Seth Langton, will
3 you please enter your appearance for us.

4 MR. LANGTON: Seth Langton, 733 Sherwood
5 Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63199.

6 JUDGE STEARLEY: Okay. Thank you,
7 Mr. Langton. And let me ask, are there any
8 preliminary matters that will need to be addressed at
9 this time?

10 MR. KRUEGER: Not from Staff.

11 MR. JONES: And not for Missouri
12 American, your Honor.

13 JUDGE STEARLEY: Okay. And let me ask
14 in terms of the current status of Mr. Langton's
15 service, has there been any interruption in his
16 service?

17 MR. LANGTON: No.

18 MR. JONES: Not that I'm aware of.

19 JUDGE STEARLEY: Okay. And are there
20 any current notices of disconnection circulating or
21 pending out there?

22 MR. JONES: No, not the last time I
23 checked, your Honor.

24 JUDGE STEARLEY: All right. Very well.
25 Well, in a moment here, we're going to end the record

1 portion of this, and I will leave the parties to have
2 an opportunity to discuss their case. They can
3 discuss their respective positions of their case, any
4 prospective settlement discussions, and I have
5 brought a calendar that I will share with Staff.

6 The order that was issued setting this
7 conference also directed that a procedural schedule
8 be filed a week -- actually, I believe July 24th was
9 the deadline set for that from Judge Lane.

10 If the parties reached some other type
11 of agreement or wished to handle this in some other
12 manner, they can simply file a status report at that
13 time.

14 MR. LANGTON: Can I ask a question?

15 JUDGE STEARLEY: Certainly, Mr. Langton.

16 MR. LANGTON: On this order for this
17 prehearing conference, towards the bottom of the
18 order it says, "Commission ordered Staff to commence
19 an investigation of Mrs. Schwab's formal complaint.
20 The file report concerning..." et cetera, et cetera.

21 I don't understand that. I don't
22 understand what Mrs. Schwab has to do with this, and
23 I don't know who Mrs. Schwab is.

24 JUDGE STEARLEY: And that's a very good
25 point, Mr. Langton. Apparently Judge Lane, when he

1 issued this order, probably templated it off another
2 order, and that's an incorrect citation. It's the
3 wrong name there, so let's correct by interlineation.
4 That should read Seth and Jeanette Langton.

5 And I believe Staff has completed their
6 investigation and filed a report in this case. And
7 Mr. Langton, let me ask you, have you received a copy
8 of that report?

9 MR. LANGTON: I think I have.

10 JUDGE STEARLEY: Okay. And did you
11 receive --

12 MR. LANGTON: Well, I'm not sure if I
13 did or not. Tell me what's the date on -- on -- I do
14 have it. Report on -- yes, I do have it.

15 JUDGE STEARLEY: Okay. Very good. And
16 did you also receive a copy of the company's answer?

17 MR. LANGTON: Yes, I did, yes.

18 JUDGE STEARLEY: Okay. Very good. And
19 I apologize for the typographical error there. I
20 don't have any idea who the Schwabs might be also. I
21 appreciate you pointing that out.

22 Are there any other -- I'll ask one more
23 time, are there any other matters I need to take up
24 at this time from the parties?

25 MR. KRUEGER: Not from Staff, your

1 Honor.

2 MR. JONES: Yeah, not from Missouri
3 American, your Honor.

4 JUDGE STEARLEY: Okay. And having made
5 that clarification in the order, thank you,
6 Mr. Langton, and we will conclude the record portion
7 of the prehearing conference, and I'll leave the
8 parties to their discussion. Thank you all very
9 much.

10 (WHEREUPON, the recorded portion of the
11 prehearing conference was concluded.)

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