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Prehearing Conference

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The City of Houston Lake, Missouri,

Petitioner,

vs. Case No. WC-2014-0260

Missouri American Water Company,

Respondent.

JUDGE RONALD D. PRIDGIN, Presiding
Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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

2 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Good morning. This is the
3 prehearing conference in File No. WC-2014-0260. I
4 am Ron Pridgin. I'm a Regulatory Law Judge with
5 the Commission.

6 And this pre-hearing conference is being
7 convened on September -- excuse me -- September
8 2nd, 2014, and the time is 10:00 in the morning.
9 We are in the Governor Office Building in Jefferson
10 City, Missouri.

11 And we also have someone participating by
12 telephone. I would like to get oral entries of
13 appearance from Counsel, please, beginning with the
14 Staff of the Commission.

15 MR. THOMPSON: Judge, Kevin Thompson and
16 Whitney Hampton for the Staff of the Missouri
17 Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 360,
18 Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102.

19 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Mr. Thompson,
20 thank you, and, Ms. Hampton, thank you. On behalf
21 of City of Houston Lake, Missouri, please?

22 MS. SNIDER: Hi, your Honor. Jennifer N.
23 Snider for the City of Houston, Missouri, the
24 Complainant.

25 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Ms. Snider,

1 thank you. On behalf of Missouri American Water
2 Company, please?

3 MS. CARTER: Diana Carter with Brydon,
4 Swearengen & England for Missouri American Water
5 Company. And also --

6 MR. LUFT: Tim Luft, in-house Counsel for
7 Missouri American Water Company, 727 Craig Road,
8 St. Louis, Missouri, 63141.

9 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Ms. Carter, thank you.
10 And, Mr. Luft, thank you. And I don't see anybody
11 anyone here on behalf of the Office of the Public
12 Counsel. Am I overlooking OPC or anyone else?

13 All right. Hearing no reply, I will only
14 be on the record for a moment. And this is mostly
15 for your benefit, Ms. Snider, since you -- since
16 you don't practice here as often and you're on the
17 phone.

18 Basically, the purpose of the pre-hearing
19 conference is to get the parties together to see if
20 they can agree on a procedural schedule, maybe see
21 if they can agree on -- on such things as
22 stipulation of facts or if they can negotiate and
23 narrow, if not completely resolve, their
24 differences.

25 And then, normally, I would ask for a

1 proposed procedural schedule or competing schedules
2 within about a week or so. And I -- and that's
3 certainly fine with me. That's the normal.
4 But I didn't put that in the order just in case the
5 parties needed more time to talk.

6 If I haven't heard anything from the
7 parties in, say, a week or two, I'll probably issue
8 an order saying, Hey, where -- you know, what's the
9 status? How would you like to proceed?

10 And so unless the parties have any
11 questions for me or anything they'd like to bring
12 to my attention, what I'll do here in a moment, Ms.
13 Snider, is go off the record and I'll excuse myself
14 and leave the room. And you'll be able to -- to
15 talk freely, and then I'll simply wait to hear from
16 the parties through pleadings.

17 Is there anything else anybody needs to
18 bring to my attention?

19 MS. SNIDER: Sir, one clarifying question.

20 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Uh-huh.

21 MS. SNIDER: And, certainly, we don't
22 object to a procedural schedule being established
23 by the parties by agreement or otherwise.

24 At this time, would you be setting a final
25 hearing or a trial setting, or would that be

1 something that the parties would suggest dates in
2 the procedural schedule?

3 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Ms. Snider, normally, I
4 would get an agreed upon schedule from the parties.
5 Sometimes parties don't agree.

6 MS. SNIDER: Okay.

7 JUDGE PRIDGIN: But, essentially,
8 normally, I would get a schedule from the
9 parties --

10 MS. SNIDER: Okay.

11 JUDGE PRIDGIN: -- saying, This is when we
12 want to file testimony. You know, these are our
13 discovery parameters, and this is when we'd like it
14 to go to hearing.

15 MS. SNIDER: Okay.

16 JUDGE PRIDGIN: And, of course, Counsel
17 for the Staff can come up to the -- my floor where
18 we have kind of a master calendar, and they can
19 look for available dates --

20 MS. SNIDER: Okay.

21 JUDGE PRIDGIN: -- conflicts and then --
22 and then can talk and look for dates from there.

23 MS. SNIDER: Very good, sir. Thank you.

24 JUDGE PRIDGIN: You're welcome. Anything
25 further before we go off the record?

1 MS. SNIDER: No, sir.

2 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. Hearing
3 nothing -- Ms. Snider, please stay on the line.
4 We're going to go off the record, but please don't
5 disconnect the call, and I'll excuse myself from --
6 momentarily.

7 We will go off the record in the
8 pre-hearing conference in WC-2014-0260. Thank you.
9 We are off the record.

10 (The proceedings were concluded at 10:05 a.m. on
11 September 2, 2014.)
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