

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Edward Lander

v.

File No, WC-2018-0099

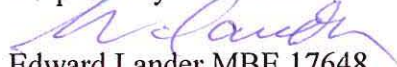
Missouri-American Water Co.

EXPLANATION FOR NON-APPEARANCE

Comes now respondent and submits his explanation for non-appearance at the pretrial conference on Jan. 4, 2018:

1. I am eighty years old, If I tried driving to Jefferson City I would likely fall asleep and kill my self.
2. I told opposing counsel I would not attend and a representative of the commission, I did not know that it was possible for me to attend by telephone or I would have done that.
3. This matter concerns a dispute over a \$900.00 water bill, \$300.00 of which is probably justified. Even if I was able to drive, I wouldn't drive to Jefferson City over \$600.00.
4. I made an offer to Respondent which they have not accepted or refused. Counsel has not returned my phone calls on most occasions.
5. If I have to attend a hearing, please dismiss my complaint without prejudice, I will take it to the Circuit Court of St. Louis County, which is more properly the venue, I live here and the respondent is situated here as is their local Counsel.
6. I carefully re-read your brochure "How to present your formal complaint etc, and I can't find any reference to having to travel to Jefferson to have my complaint heard.

Respectfully submitted


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