

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri-American)
Water Company's Request for Authority)
to Implement a General Rate Increase)
for Water Service Provided in Missouri)
Service Areas)

Case No. WR-2007-0216, et al.

ORDER SCHEDULING EXPEDITED ON-THE-RECORD
DISCOVERY CONFERENCE

Issue Date: August 1, 2007

Effective Date: August 1, 2007

On August 1, 2007, the Commission's Staff notified the presiding officer, and all parties to this action, by electronic mail, that it requests an on-the-record discovery conference at which the parties could discuss and the Commission could rule upon certain data requests proffered upon Ag Processing, Inc., by Staff, to which Ag Processing has allegedly failed to respond. Ag Processing responded to that e-mail, however, Staff indicates that Ag Processing's response was insufficient.¹ Because the evidentiary hearing in this matter is rapidly approaching, the Commission will accept Staff's e-mail correspondence, and the return correspondence from Ag Processing, as sufficient to satisfying the good faith conference requirements of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.090(8)(A).

Additionally, the Commission will treat Staff's e-mail as a Motion for a Discovery Conference and for Expedited Treatment. The Commission finds the motion for the conference reasonable and will grant Staff's request for expedited treatment of the motion.

Additionally, the Commission finds good cause for expediting the discovery conference because the evidentiary hearing in this matter is set to begin on August 6, and the parties will need to have the discovery dispute resolved before the evidentiary hearing.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. An on-the-record discovery conference will be held on August 2, 2007, at 8:30 a.m., at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, Room 305, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This building meets accessibility standards required by Americans with Disabilities Act. Any party requiring additional accommodations to participate in this conference may call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the conference.

2. A conference call bridge has been established to allow the parties to participate in this conference by phone. Any party that wishes to participate in the conference by telephone may do so by calling (573) 522-6105 at the time set for the conference.

¹ The e-mail exchange between the parties is attached to this order.

3. This order shall become effective on August 1, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written in a cursive style.

Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

(S E A L)

Harold Stearley, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority under
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 1st day of August, 2007.