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

2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. Let's come to
3 order, please.

4 Good morning everyone. We're here for a
5 public comment hearing regarding the Commission's
6 proposed rule to create an environmental cost adjustment
7 mechanism for water utilities. This post rulemaking has
8 been published in the Missouri Register and this hearing
9 was scheduled as part of that filing.

10 As I indicated, this is a rulemaking hearing
11 to take comments; therefore, I do not need to swear in
12 witnesses. We're not taking evidence. So we'll just go
13 through the comments.

14 I'll save Staff for last, so the Commission
15 has benefit of their response to any other comments that
16 are made today.

17 I don't really have a set proposal on who
18 goes first but I see Public Counsel is here.

19 Christina, if you'd like to go first.

20 MS. BAKER: Yes. Christina Baker for the
21 Office of the Public Counsel.

22 Public Counsel makes no statement of support
23 or in opposition of the changes to the rule but we are
24 available for questions if the bench has any.

25 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. And I see that

1 Missouri American is here also. Do you have any
2 statements you'd like to make?

3 MR. KARTMANN: I'm Frank Kartmann with
4 Missouri American Water Company and I'm the President of
5 Missouri American.

6 I would just say I appreciate the efforts and
7 time invested by the parties in reaching this proposed
8 rulemaking.

9 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you.

10 Anyone else in the room other than Staff?

11 All right. We'll go to Staff then.

12 MR. ANTAL: Your Honor, Alex Antal and Kevin
13 Thompson appearing on behalf of Staff of the Missouri
14 Public Service Commission.

15 We have no comments. Staff members Jim Busch
16 and Mark Oligschlaeger are present if any questions need
17 to be answered.

18 Thank you.

19 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. All right. I have no
20 questions for anyone, so this is going to be a very
21 short hearing.

22 All right. With that we are adjourned.

23 WHEREIN, the rulemaking hearing concluded at
24 10:04 a.m.

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