

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

Claude Scott,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	<u>File No. WC-2020-0407</u>
)	
Missouri-American Water Company,)	
)	
Respondent)	

TIMELINE OF EVENTS AND JOINT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, on behalf of itself and Missouri-American Water Company (“Respondent”)(collectively “Parties”), and for the Parties’ *Timeline of Events and Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule*, respectfully states as follows:

TIMELINE OF EVENTS

1. On August 27, 2020, the Commission held a Prehearing Conference where the Regulatory Law Judge directed the Parties, and Claude Scott (“Complainant”), to file a proposed procedural schedule no later than September 3, 2020.
2. Staff shared an initial draft of the proposed procedural schedule by email on September 1, 2020, with the Complainant and Respondent. Respondent submitted edits which were accepted by Staff that same day. Complainant did not respond.
3. Staff followed up with another email on September 3, 2020, asking Complainant to respond with any further edits or approval. Complainant did not respond. Staff also called Complainant’s listed number six times, but was unable to reach Complainant, and the Complainant did not return any of the six calls.

4. The afternoon of September 3, 2020, Staff emailed the Regulatory Law Judge assigned to this matter that a filing that day was unlikely due to Complainant's silence. Both Respondent and Complainant were copied to that email.

5. On September 4, 2020, the Commission ordered that a proposed procedural schedule be filed no later than September 10, 2020, and if Staff is unable to get approval from Complainant, a history of Staff's attempts to contact Complainant should be included in the filing.

6. On September 8, 2020, Staff again shared the proposed procedural schedule via email with Complainant.

7. On September 9, 2020, Staff again shared the proposed procedural schedule via email with Complainant. Though Complainant continued to be silent regarding the proposed procedural schedule, Complainant did call Staff's Consumer Services department to enquire about the location of a meter test scheduled for Monday, September 14, 2020.

8. On September 10, 2020, Staff called and again shared the proposed procedural schedule via email with Complainant. As of the time of this filing, Complainant continues to be silent regarding the proposed procedural schedule.

JOINT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

9. The Parties have agreed to not file written testimony.

10. The Parties recommend the Commission accept the following proposed dates for filings. For the evidentiary hearing in this case, the Parties are available any day during the weeks of November 16 and November 30, 2020:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Date</u>
Last Day to Request Discovery	October 16, 2020
Stipulation of Undisputed Facts	November 6, 2020
Issues, Exhibits and Witness List	November 9, 2020
Hearing held at the Wainwright Building in St. Louis, Missouri	The week of November 16 or November 30, 2020
Initial Briefs (optional for parties)	December 18, 2020
Reply Briefs (optional for parties)	December 31, 2020

11. Due to the uncertainty surrounding the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Parties understand that an in person hearing at the Wainwright Building in St. Louis may not be feasible.

12. In the event that the Commission determines that an in person hearing is not feasible, the Parties request that the Commission continue with the hearing on the scheduled date through a virtual or telephonic forum.

13. The Parties also request the Commission supply a call-in number in the event that witnesses are unable to attend the hearing in-person.

14. While Respondent has agreed to the procedural schedule, such agreement should not be taken as a waiver of the right to file a motion to dismiss with prejudice for the Complainant's repeated failure to abide by the Commission's orders and prosecute his complaint.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully requests the Commission issue an order setting the above-detailed procedural schedule, from the dates proposed, and to grant any such further relief as is just in these circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Travis J. Pringle

Travis J. Pringle

Legal Counsel

Missouri Bar No. 71128

Attorney for the Staff of the

Missouri Public Service Commission

P.O. Box 360

Jefferson City, MO 65102

573-751-4140 (Voice)

573-751-9285 (Fax)

travis.pringle@psc.mo.gov

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile, or electronically mailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 10th day of September, 2020.

/s/ Travis J. Pringle