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P R O C E E D I N G S

JUDGE DIPPELL: My name is Nancy Dippell, I'm the Regulatory Law Judge assigned to this conference. We are here today for a pre-hearing conference in WU-2020-0417, In the Matter of the Application of Missouri-American Water Company for an Accounting Authority Order Authorizing it to Defer and Accumulate Costs and Financial Impacts Related to COVID-19.

We are meeting today via WebEx, telephone, and video conference because of the COVID-19 pandemic. I'm going to begin with entries of appearance. Can we start with the company, Missouri-American?

MR. COOPER: Yes, Judge, this is Dean Cooper from the Law Firm of Brydon, Swearngen, and England, PC; P.O. Box 456, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, appearing on behalf of Missouri-American Water Company. And I'll -- also appearing for Missouri American is Mr. Luft. I'll allow him to enter his appearance as well.

MR. LUFT: Yes, this is Tim -- yeah, we're having problems with our audio.

JUDGE DIPPELL: Yes, you cut out there Mr. Luft, so we'll -- you'll know --

MR. COOPER: I --

JUDGE DIPPELL: Go ahead, Mr. Cooper.

1 MR. COOPER: It's Mr. Luft, Corporate Counsel
2 for American Water Company, 727 Craig Road, St. Louis,
3 Missouri 63141. Again, also for Missouri-American
4 Water Company.

5 JUDGE DIPPELL: Thank you, Mr. Cooper.

6 Mr. Luft, hopefully by the time anything
7 further is needed, you'll be able to -- your audio will
8 come through better.

9 All right. Staff of the Commission.

10 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, thank you, Judge. Mark
11 Johnson appearing on behalf of the Staff of the
12 Missouri Public Service Commission. My address is 200
13 Madison Street, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City,
14 Missouri 65102.

15 JUDGE DIPPELL: And Office of Public Counsel.

16 MR. HALL: Good afternoon, Judge. Caleb
17 Hall, appearing on behalf of the Office of Public
18 Counsel. Our business address is 200 Madison Street,
19 Suite 650, Jefferson City, Missouri 65201.

20 JUDGE DIPPELL: Missouri Energy Consumer's
21 Group.

22 MR. WOODSMALL: Good afternoon. David
23 Woodsmall appearing on behalf of MECG, 308 East High
24 Street, Suite 204, Jeff City, Missouri 65101.

25 JUDGE DIPPELL: Is anyone present for the

1 City of St. Joseph?

2 How about the City of Riverside?

3 Is there anyone present for Missouri
4 Industrial Energy Consumers?

5 And did I miss any party that needs to make
6 an entry?

7 All right. Have I missed any applications to
8 intervene that haven't been granted yet that anybody
9 had submitted that didn't get granted? Okay.

10 Well, I don't think there's any particular
11 outstanding motions, are there? Are there pending
12 motions in this case that I've missed?

13 MR. COOPER: I don't believe so, Your Honor.

14 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. So I don't really have
15 anything in particular for the formal procedural
16 conference other than to let you all come together to
17 discuss settlement and that kind of thing, or bring any
18 other issues to my attention that, if you have
19 questions or things that need to be brought to my
20 attention.

21 Mr. Cooper, did you have anything you needed
22 to put on the record?

23 MR. COOPER: I do not, Judge. We're -- we
24 have discussed a procedural schedule, and I suspect
25 we'll have some more discussion after we go off the

1 record today.

2 JUDGE DIPPELL: All right. Mr. Johnson, did
3 Staff have anything it needed to put on the record?

4 MR. JOHNSON: Not at this time. Thank you,
5 Judge.

6 JUDGE DIPPELL: And Mr. Hall, anything from
7 OPC?

8 MR. HALL: No. Like Mr. Cooper said, I think
9 we're going to have some discussions, probably have a
10 schedule set up soon.

11 JUDGE DIPPELL: Excellent. Mr. Woodsmall,
12 did you have anything you needed to add?

13 MR. WOODSMALL: No, thank you.

14 JUDGE DIPPELL: All right, then -- well,
15 Ms. Court Reporter has another engagement, so if
16 there's nothing else that needs to go formally on the
17 record, I will let you all -- will you be able to give
18 me a procedural schedule, you think when? Is a week
19 enough, too long?

20 MR. COOPER: Well, you know, hope always
21 springs eternal. I would like to think we're pretty
22 close to it, but I think if you would give us a week,
23 we would for sure have it completed by then.

24 JUDGE DIPPELL: Okay. I will direct a
25 procedural schedule to be filed in a week's time, so --

1 All right. Then if there's nothing else, I
2 will go ahead and adjourn this presentation -- or this
3 procedural conference. Thank you, all.

4 We can go off the record.

5 (Hearing concluded.)
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