

1 BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

2 STATE OF MISSOURI

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8 In the Matter of Timber Creek )

9 Sewer Company's Commencement ) Case No. SR-2026-0093

10 of a Staff Assisted Rate Case )

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12 PREHEARING CONFERENCE

13 THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026

14 2:00 p.m.

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KAROLIN WALKER, Presiding  
REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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KAYLA HAHN, Chair,  
MAIDA J. COLEMAN,  
GLEN KOLKMEYER,  
JOHN MITCHELL,  
COMMISSIONERS

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1 THE COURT: Good afternoon, everyone.  
2 This is a procedural conference in case number SR-2026-  
3 0093, in the matter of Timber Creek Sewer Company's  
4 commencement of a Staff assisted rate case. My name is  
5 Karolin Walker and I am the judge assigned to preside  
6 over this case. During the call that we're having, I  
7 won't discuss substantive issues and only procedural  
8 ones. First, let's have the entry of counsel,  
9 appearance of counsel. How about Timber Creek?

10 MR. COOPER: Yes, Judge. Dean Cooper  
11 from Brydon, Swearengen & England, P.O. Box 6 Jefferson  
12 City, Missouri 65102, appearing for Timber Creek Sewer  
13 Company.

14 THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Cooper.  
15 Staff?

16 MS. ASLAN: Casey Aslan for Commission  
17 Staff.

18 | THE COURT: The Office of Public Council.

19 MR. KLEISER: Thank you, Your Honor.  
20 John Kleiser, on behalf of the Missouri Office of the  
21 Public Council.

22 THE COURT: We don't have any interveners  
23 in this case, do we? I don't think so.

24 MR. COOPER: No.

25 THE COURT: Okay. The purpose of the

1 pre-hearing conference is to attempt to resolve any  
2 issues possible and to give the parties a chance to  
3 discuss issues outside my hearing in an effort to  
4 resolve them. And at the end of the call, I'm going to  
5 sign off and let you talk to each other. The reason I  
6 scheduled the procedural conference is because of the  
7 local public hearing scheduling.

8                   Ordinarily, the local public hearing  
9 requests come from the parties and Staff and to the  
10 judge, and that didn't happen in this case. This case  
11 is a little bit different since it's a Staff rate case.  
12 But as it stands now, the hearing is -- they're not  
13 going to be held on the timeline presented in the case.

14                   If I have to, I'll waive the 60-day rule.  
15 But I do have -- I have collected a couple of available  
16 dates, so I want to run them by you and see. I have  
17 Wednesday, February 18th at 2:00 p.m., available for an  
18 in-person hearing. And I have Thursday, February 19th  
19 at 6:00 p.m., for a virtual hearing. Are those dates  
20 agreeable to the parties, Mr. Cooper?

21                   MR. COOPER: I'll allow somebody to  
22 correct me if I'm wrong, but it's my belief that those  
23 two dates had been discussed by the parties. And at  
24 least from Timber Creek's standpoint, they would be  
25 fine.

1 THE COURT: I don't have any knowledge of  
2 that, so --

3 MR. COOPER: Yeah, no.

4 THE COURT: I need to confirm the dates.

5 MR. COOPER: Yeah.

6 THE COURT: Ms. Aslan, how about you?

7 MS. ASLAN: Yes, those are dates that I  
8 believe will work for us.

12 MS. ASLAN: I think it's just outside.

13 THE COURT: Well, I'll issue an order and  
14 I'll waive the timeline just for the hearing. If you  
15 need waivers for anything else on your schedule, then  
16 you need to ask for those, and we'll deal with those  
17 when those things come up. Do you have any -- does  
18 anybody have any other issues or any questions for me?  
19 No?

20 MR. COOPER: I don't believe there's any  
21 from the company, Judge. No.

22 MS. ASLAN: Nothing from Staff at this  
23 time.

24 THE COURT: Fantastic. It's the shortest  
25 conference in record. Okay. I'm going to sign off.

1 And if you all want to talk to each other, feel free.  
2 I'm not going to issue an order today, but sometime  
3 within a week, I'll issue an order. Just know that it's  
4 coming, to confirm the hearing dates and to waive the  
5 60-day rule.

6 MR. COOPER: Thank you.

7 THE COURT: All right. Thanks, everyone.

8 MS. ASLAN: Thank you.

9 THE COURT: Have a good day.

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