

**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 and Sewer Service)	Case No. WR-2008-0311
Provided in Missouri Service Areas)	

PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, on its own behalf and on behalf of Missouri-American Water Company (“Company”), the Office of the Public Counsel, AG Processing, Inc., Public Water Supply District Nos. 1 and 2 of Andrew County, Public Water Supply District No. 1 of DeKalb County, the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District, the City of Jefferson City, Missouri, the City of Joplin, Missouri, the City of Riverside, Missouri, the Missouri Gaming Company, the City of Parkville, Missouri, the City of Lake Waukomis, Missouri, Park University, the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers, the Missouri Energy Group, and Utility Workers Union of American Local 335, AFL-CIO, being all of the parties in this case and all of the parties who have sought intervention in this case, and submits to the Commission this Proposed Procedural Schedule.

1. The above-named parties have unanimously agreed to recommend the following procedural schedule:

Direct Testimony (Revenue Requirement) – All parties except Company	August 18, 2008
Direct Testimony (Rate Design) – All parties except Company	September 3, 2008
Prehearing conference	September 8-12, 2008
Local public hearings	Dates to be determined – September 8, 2008 or after –

	parties to recommend dates and locations by May 18, 2008
Preliminary issues list	September 15, 2008
Rebuttal Testimony (all parties)	October 6, 2008
Surrebuttal Testimony (all parties)	October 24, 2008
Final issues list, order of witnesses, order of cross-examination, and order of opening statements	October 27, 2008
Statements of position	October 29, 2008
Evidentiary hearing	November 3-21, 2008
All transcripts to be provided (may require expediting the preparation of some, but not all, volumes)	November 28, 2008
True-up hearing	December 11-12, 2008
Initial briefs	December 19, 2008
Reply briefs	December 31, 2008
Operation-of-law date	February 28, 2009

2. The above-named parties recognize that the dates set forth above for the evidentiary hearing in this case are not the same as the dates that the Commission has reserved for the evidentiary hearing. However, the parties respectfully submit that the foregoing schedule is necessary, in order to allow the parties to properly prepare and present their prefiled testimony and evidence in this case. In addition, it is feasible for the reasons set forth in the following paragraphs.

3. The above-named parties understand that the parties to the Trigen rate case (Case No. HR-2008-0300) are willing to set the evidentiary hearing for their case to begin on October 20, 2008, and to end by October 31, 2008. These are the dates the Commission has reserved for the hearing in the Trigen case, and are prior to the date proposed above for the beginning of the

evidentiary hearing in this case. The Trigen rate case was filed before this case, and the above-named parties believe the Trigen case is less complicated than this case, and will therefore require less time to prepare for hearing, and that the evidentiary hearing in the Tigen case can reasonably proceed before the evidentiary hearing in this case.

4. The above-named parties understand that the parties to the AmerenUE rate case (Case No. ER-2008-0318) desire to begin the evidentiary hearing in their case on December 1, 2008, and to conclude the evidentiary hearing in their case by December 19, 2008.

5. The above-named parties believe the foregoing schedule is feasible, because it would allow the evidentiary hearings in the three rate cases to proceed in the sequence in which they were filed, would allow adequate time for the preparation of testimony in all cases, would allow adequate time for the evidentiary hearings in all three cases (two weeks for the Trigen case, three weeks for this case, and three weeks for the AmerenUE case), would leave the Commission's calendar open for November 24-26, 2008, and would allow the Commission adequate time for deliberation between the final submission of each case and the date by which the Report and Order in each case must be issued.

Proposed List of Conditions

6. The above-named parties request that the Commission include the following conditions in its Order Adopting Procedural Schedule:

A. All pleadings, testimony, and other filings may be electronically served upon the parties by transmitting a copy to counsel of record. Service of such filings shall be essentially contemporaneous with the filing itself, and shall go only to the attorneys, who would then take responsibility for such further distribution to their respective clients.

B. Parties shall, without necessity of a request, serve workpapers electronically upon all parties no later than two business days following the filing of the testimony to which they pertain.

C. The response and objection intervals for Data Requests (“DRs”) shall, as of the date for filing rebuttal testimony (*i.e.*, October 6, 2008), be shortened to ten days for responses and five business days for objections.

D. DRs shall be provided electronically to all counsel of record as shown on the certified service list, and not transmitted only to the party of whom the request is made. The party propounding the DR shall endeavor to avoid including highly confidential or proprietary matter in a DR question. DR responses shall be provided to those parties specifically requesting them, unless subject to an objection.

E. Responses to DRs shall be provided in electronic format, to the extent reasonably possible; but this shall not be construed to require undue efforts to convert materials from hard copy to electronic format.

F. All exhibits shall be pre-marked. Each party shall number its exhibits sequentially, and shall include a shorthand indication of the party’s name as part of the exhibit number, separated from the number by a dash. For example, a Company exhibit might be designated “MAWC-1.”

G. The Commission will waive rule 4 CSR 240-2.045(2) for the purposes of this proceeding and items filed electronically using the EFIS system shall be deemed timely filed if received by midnight of the date on which the filing is due.

WHEREFORE, the above-named parties respectfully request that the Commission adopt the above dates as the procedural schedule for resolution of this case; and request that the

Commission incorporate the above Proposed List of Conditions in its Order Adopting Procedural Schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or e-mailed to all counsel of record on this 25th day of April 2008.

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