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STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 19th
day of June, 1997.

In the matter of the Application of)
Osage Water Company for permission,)
approval and a Certificate of Conven-)
ience and Necessity authorizing it)
to construct, install, own, operate,)
control, manage and maintain a water)
system for the public located in the)
City of Osage Beach, Missouri.)

Case No. WA-97-332

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On February 19, 1997 Osage Water Company (Osage) filed an application with the Commission requesting issuance of a certificate of convenience and necessity for the construction and operation of a water supply system for the public in an area located within the city limits of the City of Osage Beach, Missouri.

On June 2 Osage filed a Motion to Establish a Procedural Schedule for the hearing of this matter. Osage states in its motion that the remainder of the parties in this case agree to the suggested schedule with the exception of the City of Osage Beach, who filed no response to the motion.

The Commission finds that the suggested procedural schedule is acceptable and will grant the motion of Osage. The following procedural schedule will be adopted for use in this case:

May 27, 1997	Applicant's Direct
June 10, 1997	Preliminary Plans and Specifications for Applicant's Proposed Water Main
June 25, 1997	Data Requests by Staff and Intervenors

July 15, 1997	Applicant's Answers to Data Requests
August 15, 1997	Rebuttal Testimony of Staff and Intervenors
September 15, 1997	Surrebuttal and Cross Surrebuttal-All Parties
September 26, 1997	Hearing Memorandum
October 6-8, 1997	Hearing by Commission

(1) The Commission will require the prefiling of testimony as defined in 4 CSR 240-2.130. The practice of prefiling testimony is designed to give parties notice of the claims, contentions and evidence in issue and to avoid unnecessary objections and delays caused by allegations of unfair surprise at the hearing.

(2) Testimony and schedules shall not be filed under seal and treated as proprietary or highly confidential unless a protective order has first been established by the Commission. The party that considers information to be proprietary or highly confidential should request a protective order. Any testimony or schedule filed without a protective order first being established shall be considered public information.

(3) The Commission will schedule a prehearing conference in this case to allow the parties the opportunity to resolve procedural and substantive issues.

(4) The parties shall file a hearing memorandum setting forth the issues that are to be heard and decided by the Commission. Any issue not contained in the hearing memorandum will be viewed as uncontested and not requiring resolution by the Commission. The hearing memorandum will contain the order of the witnesses who will appear on each day of the hearing, definitions of terms, each party's position on the issues, and the order of cross-examination.

The briefs to be submitted by the parties shall follow the same format established in the hearing memorandum. Initial briefs must set forth and cite the proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission.

(5) The Commission emphasizes the importance of the deadline for filing the hearing memorandum. The Commission Staff will be responsible for preparing and filing the hearing memorandum and, unless the Commission orders otherwise, the hearing memorandum shall be filed on the date set. Each party is directed to provide Staff with its position on each unresolved issue no later than September 24, 1997.

(6) Nothing in this order shall preclude a party from addressing, or having a reasonable opportunity to address, matters not previously disclosed and arising at the hearing.

(7) The Commission's general policy provides for the filing of the transcript within two weeks after the hearing. If any party seeks to expedite the filing of the transcript, such a request shall be tendered, in writing, to the administrative law judge at least five days prior to the date of hearing. The administrative law judge will determine whether the request should be granted.

(8) The Commission believes it is appropriate to limit the length of initial briefs to 30 pages and reply briefs to 15 pages. All pleadings, briefs and amendments shall be filed in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.080(7).

(9) All parties are required to bring an adequate number of copies

of exhibits which they intend to offer into evidence at the hearing. If an exhibit has been prefiled, only three copies of the exhibit are necessary for the court reporter. If an exhibit has not been prefiled, the party offering it should bring, in addition to the three copies for the court reporter, copies for the five Commissioners, the administrative law judge, and opposing counsel.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion to Establish Procedural Schedule, as filed by Osage Water Company, is granted and the following schedule is adopted for use in this case:

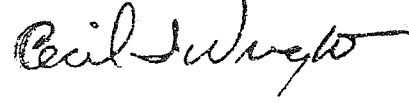
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2. That any person with special needs as addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least 10 days prior to the hearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services' Hotline -- 1-800-392-4211, or TDD Hotline -- 1-800-829-7541.

3. That the first day of hearing will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Harry S Truman State Office Building, Room 530, Jefferson City, Missouri.

4. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Cecil I. Wright", written in a cursive style.

Cecil I. Wright
Executive Secretary

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Zobrist, Chm., Crumpton, Drainer,
Murray, and Lumpe, CC., Concur.

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