

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

Mrs. Walter L. Schwab,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	Case No. WC-2008-0106
	)	
Missouri American Water,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**JOINTLY PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
OF MISSOURI-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY AND STAFF**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, on its own behalf and on behalf of Respondent Missouri-American Water Company, and, for its Jointly Proposed Procedural Schedule, states to the Commission as follows:

1. On December 5, 2007, the Commission issued its Order Setting Prehearing Conference and Directing Filing of a Proposed Procedural Schedule, in which it scheduled a prehearing conference for December 18, 2007, and directed the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule no later than January 7, 2008.

2. On December 18, 2007, the parties attended the prehearing conference and discussed the issues, including a proposed procedural schedule. The Office of the Public Counsel did not participate in the said prehearing conference. The Complainant, Missouri-American, and the Staff believe that an evidentiary hearing will be necessary to resolve the dispute between the Complainant and Missouri-American.

3. As a result of the prehearing conference and subsequent discussions, Missouri-American, the Staff and the Complainant agreed to recommend that the Commission conduct a

live evidentiary hearing in this case, without prefiled testimony. Missouri-American, the Staff, and Complainant orally agreed to recommend that the evidentiary hearing be held on January 31, 2008, commencing at 8:30 a.m.

4. Missouri-American and the Staff further recommend that the Commission hear oral argument from the parties at the conclusion of the hearing, in lieu of directing the parties to file posthearing briefs.

5. Missouri-American and the Staff further recommend that the Complainant be permitted to attend the hearing by telephone, if that is her desire.

6. In order to accommodate the Complainant's request to attend the hearing by telephone, and to facilitate the presentation of documentary evidence at the hearing, Missouri-American and the Staff further request that the Commission direct all parties to serve copies of all documents that they intend to offer as evidence upon all other parties by no later than ten days before the date of the hearing in this case. Depositing such documents in the U.S. mail, properly addressed and with first-class postage prepaid, not less than ten days before the date of the hearing, shall constitute timely service thereof.

7. Counsel for the Staff discussed this proposed procedural schedule with Complainant on the telephone, and believes that she agrees with the provisions hereof. Counsel for the Staff therefore mailed a letter and a draft of the proposed procedural schedule to Complainant on January 2, 2008, so she could confirm that she agrees with the provisions hereof. However, on January 7, 2008, the Complainant informed counsel for the Staff, by telephone, that she has not received that letter, so counsel for the Staff cannot be sure that the Complainant agrees with the all of the provisions hereof.

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing, the Staff, on its own behalf of itself, and on behalf of Missouri-American Water Company, respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order adopting the proposed procedural schedule set forth in Paragraph 3, herein.

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 7th day of January, 2008.

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