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STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF A SEWER)
TARIFF FILING MADE BY OSAGE)Case No. ST-2003-0562
WATER COMPANY,)Tariff No. JS-2003-2115
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COMPANY,)Tariff No. JW-2003-2115
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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
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SENIOR REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Good morning,
3 everyone. We're here for a prehearing
4 conference in Case No. ST-2003-0562 and
5 WT-2003-0563, which involves the sewer and
6 tariff filings of Osage Water Company and
7 it's, in fact, a rate case. We'll begin today
8 by taking entries of appearance beginning with
9 Osage Water Company.

10 MR. WILLIAMS: My name is Gregory
11 Williams, P.O. Box 431, Sunrise Beach,
12 Missouri. Telephone number (573) 374-8761.
13 Attorney for Osage Water Company.

14 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you.

15 MR. BATES: Bruce H. Bates appearing
16 on behalf of the staff of Missouri Public
17 Commission. My address is Post Office Box
18 360, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65102.

19 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. Public
20 counsel?

21 MS. O'NEILL: Yes. Good morning.
22 Ruth O'Neill, Office of the Public Counsel,
23 P.O. Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri,
24 65102.

25 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. Thank

1 you. Are there any matters we need to take up
2 on the record? I don't believe there's any
3 pending motions or anything out there.

4 MR. WILLIAMS: I don't think so,
5 your Honor. Mr. Mitchell and I did kind of
6 look at your order for scheduling a hearing
7 and wondered -- it seemed to be an awful lot
8 of days for a case for a company this size. I
9 think you've got --

10 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Two weeks.

11 MR. WILLIAMS: Eight days of
12 hearings and three days for a true-up, and we
13 really don't think it's going to take that
14 much time.

15 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Well, I hope not
16 either. But I wanted to grab the dates while
17 I could just in case it did. Certainly,
18 that's a matter for you to discuss today. And
19 if you all feel that that's too much, let me
20 know, and we can free up some days on the
21 Commission's calendar. And I'm sure a lot of
22 the other judges will appreciate that, too,
23 because that's a very busy time. There are
24 three or four other rate cases going on at the
25 same time. So let me know if that is

1 appropriate. And certainly the need for a
2 true-up. is another question as to whether or
3 not you need the true-up.

4 Well, then I'll leave you to your
5 discussions today. Of course, the main task
6 that you have is to prepare a proposed
7 procedural schedule, and including the length
8 that you think you need for the hearing.
9 You're all going to need to give me a
10 recommendation about a proposed testure and
11 the true-up.

12 And as you indicated, the hearing is
13 going to begin on January 20th, unless you
14 tell me otherwise or suggest otherwise. So
15 unless there's anything else anyone needs on
16 the record -- yes, Mr. Bates?

17 MR. BATES: Excuse me, your Honor.
18 And I may have missed it. But did you set a
19 date by which the procedural schedule should
20 be submitted?

21 JUDGE WOODRUFF: I probably did not.
22 Thank you for bringing that to my attention.
23 Let's make it one week from today.

24 MR. BATES: Okay.

25 THE COURT: Which would be, I guess,

1 the 14th. Any other matters anyone wants to
2 bring up while we're on the record? All
3 right. With that, then, the on-the-record
4 portion of this conference is adjourned.
5 Thank you very much.

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