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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
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Jefferson City, Missouri
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In the Matter of Central Rivers Wastewater)
Utility, Inc.'s Small Company Rate Increase) File No.
Request) SR-2014-0247

MICHAEL BUSHMANN, Presiding,
SENIOR REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 (Whereupon, the Pre-Hearing Conference started
3 at 1:30 P.M.)

4 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Why don't we go on the record.
5 Good afternoon. Today is October 22, 2014 at 1:30 P.M.
6 The commission has set this time for a Pre-Hearing
7 Conference in the case captioned as in the matter of
8 Central Rivers Wastewater Utility, Incorporated's Small
9 Company Rate Increase Request, File No. SR-2014-0247. My
10 name is Michael Bushmann. I'm the Regulatory Law Judge in
11 this matter. We'll have attorneys make their entries of
12 appearance for Central Rivers Wastewater.

13 MR. COOPER: Dean Cooper on behalf of Central
14 Rivers Wastewater Utility, Inc. The court reporter has
15 the address. And on the phone is a representative of the
16 company, Mr. Mark Geisinger.

17 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you. And for Office of
18 Public Counsel.

19 MS. BAKER: Thank you. Christina Baker, P.O.
20 Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, appearing on
21 behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel and the
22 customers.

23 JUDGE BUSHMANN: And Commission staff.

24 MR. THOMPSON: Thank you. Kevin Thompson, P.O.
25 Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 for the staff of

1 Missouri Public Service Commission.

2 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Thank you. Well, since Public
3 Counsel has objected to the partial disposition agreement
4 and requested both a local public hearing and an
5 evidentiary hearing, I set this Pre-Hearing Conference
6 just to talk about schedule. It seems from my
7 calculations we don't have a lot of time left as the
8 nine-month deadline for submission of the case to the
9 Commission would run on December 11, I believe, and the
10 final order has to be effected in 11 months, which I
11 believe is February 11. And I've tried to back calculate
12 all the deadlines that have to be met in order to meet
13 those dates and what I came up with was that final brief
14 submission to the Commission would need to be December 10.
15 So --

16 MS. BAKER: What did you base the final briefs
17 on?

18 JUDGE BUSHMANN: Well, first of all, the rule
19 requiring submission to the Commission within nine months
20 under 050 subsection 14. Plus, also, there needs to be
21 time for -- the Commission has to have time to discuss it
22 in agenda, there needs to be -- and that's -- and after
23 that, it comes right on top of Christmas and then they'll
24 need to vote out of report and order no later than
25 January 7 in order to have time to review and then file

1 compliance tariffs and then approval of the compliance
2 tariffs and a chance for review. And so all those
3 deadlines, when I backed that out, it ended up being
4 around December 10.

5 Now, what I did was -- well, first of all, I
6 guess, I wanted the parties to file a joint proposed
7 procedural schedule and I'd like to get that no later than
8 next Monday, the 27th, if you could, and I can issue a
9 procedural schedule immediately after that. That should
10 include a date for a local public hearing. And I
11 assume -- and you can provide a proposed date and a
12 location. I assume that it would either be Liberty or
13 Kearney since it seems like most of the customers are
14 located in one of those locations, but I'm open to
15 suggestions. We don't particularly have any great
16 previous locations in either town. I had Judy check the
17 database on it. If you know of anything, feel free to
18 propose so.

19 You should also include pre-filed testimony
20 dates. I don't know if you have time for a round -- more
21 than one round, but I'll leave it up to you as to what you
22 propose. I'll need a list of issues and witnesses,
23 position statements, reconciliation, date or dates for the
24 hearing and briefs.

25 As far as the evidentiary hearing, I went ahead,

1 just in case, and blocked out on the calendar the entire
2 week of the first week of December. I don't know whether
3 you want to use that because that doesn't leave you much
4 time for briefs. So if you want to propose an earlier
5 date, that's fine, but it's right in -- Thanksgiving is
6 right in there. And so it's really bad as far as the way
7 the dates run.

8 Let's see. Also, I assume you've already
9 considered a test hearing. So if you would include that
10 in your proposed procedural schedule so I'll know what it
11 is. Does anybody have anything they want to bring up with
12 regard to scheduling? I know it's very unusual working
13 under a tight time frame.

14 MR. COOPER: We'll have some conversations about
15 what you've told us.

16 MS. BAKER: Certainly.

17 JUDGE BUSHMANN: And I'll be around today if you
18 need to ask me anything. Otherwise, anything else that
19 needs to be brought up while we're on it? All right.
20 Hearing none, then we'll go off the record.

21 (Proceedings concluded at 1:36 P.M.)

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