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In the Matter of the Joint)
Application of Missouri-American)
Water Company, St. Louis County Water)
Company d/b/a Missouri-American Water)
Company and Jefferson City Water)
Works Company d/b/a Missouri American) Case No. WM-2001-309
Water Company for Authority to Merge)
St. Louis County Water Company d/b/a)
Missouri-American Water Company and)
Jefferson City Water Works Company)
d/b/a Missouri-American Water Company)
with and into Missouri-American Water)
Company and, in Connection Therewith,)
Certain Other Related Transactions.)

LEWIS R. MILLS, JR, Presiding,
DEPUTY CHIEF REGULATORY LAW JUDGE.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

JUDGE MILLS: We're on the record for a prehearing conference in Case No. WM-2001-309, which has a very long case style that I'm not going to read into the record this morning.

Let's begin by taking entries of appearance beginning to my left with the Company.

MR. ABERNATHY: My name is David Abernathy. My address is 535 North New Ballas Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63141. I represent Missouri-American Water Company, St. Louis County Water Company doing business as Missouri-American Water Company, and Jefferson City Water Works Company doing business as -- yeah, doing business as Missouri-American Water Company. Almost confused myself there for a minute.

JUDGE MILLS: Mr. Snodgrass?

MR. SNODGRASS: Good morning, Judge. My name is Cliff Snodgrass. I represent the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission. My business address is the Governor Office Building, Suite 800, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

JUDGE MILLS: Ms. Langeneckert?

MS. LANGENECKERT: Yes, Judge. Lisa Langeneckert representing Missouri Energy Group. I'm with the office of Robert Johnson, address 720 Olive, 24th Floor,

1 St. Louis, Missouri 63101.

2 JUDGE MILLS: Thank you. Ms. Bond?

3 MS. BOND: Good morning, Judge. Jan Bond on
4 behalf of Utility Workers of America Local 335. My business
5 address is 7730 Carondelet, C-a-r-o-n-d-e-l-e-t, Suite 200,
6 St. Louis, Missouri 63105.

7 JUDGE MILLS: Thank you. And Office of the
8 Public Counsel isn't here yet.

9 Is there anything the parties want to address
10 on the record this morning?

11 MR. ABERNATHY: No, I don't believe so.

12 JUDGE MILLS: Let me briefly just sort of run
13 down the list. The Company's obviously filed. Staff and
14 Public Counsel have filed rebuttal testimony. The
15 intervenors I don't believe have filed any testimony yet.
16 Have you-all identified any issues in the case that you're
17 concerned about?

18 MS. BOND: Yes, Judge. The Union is concerned
19 about the capital expenditure and the infrastructure issue.

20 JUDGE MILLS: Okay.

21 MS. LANGENECKERT: And the Missouri Energy
22 Group's main concern is whether the merger will raise the
23 rates of water for all customers and specifically the
24 industrial customers.

25 JUDGE MILLS: At the hearing, did either of

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1 you plan to present any witnesses?

2 MS. LANGENECKERT: No.

3 MS. BOND: We are in the process of
4 considering whether we're going to file surrebuttal
5 testimony at this point.

6 JUDGE MILLS: Okay. Thank you. And I think I
7 know pretty well where Staff's position is and Public
8 Counsel's from the testimony they filed. It doesn't look
9 like there's overwhelming issues in this case. I think
10 we're scheduled for two days of hearing. Do the parties
11 anticipate that will be sufficient at this point?

12 MR. ABERNATHY: I have down the 10th through
13 12th. I think so, yes. I think two days will probably do
14 it.

15 JUDGE MILLS: I think it's scheduled for the
16 10th and 11th of September.

17 MR. ABERNATHY: Is it? Okay. I've probably
18 got one witness, that's it.

19 MR. SNODGRASS: Staff doesn't anticipate a
20 long hearing on this, Judge.

21 JUDGE MILLS: Okay. Just want to make sure
22 we're still okay for hearing time. Anything else?

23 (No response.)

24 All right. Hearing nothing, we'll go off the
25 record.