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Hon. Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102

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Attn: Filing Desk

Re: Staff v. Osage Water Company
WC-2003-0134

Missouri Public
Service Commission

Dear Sirs:

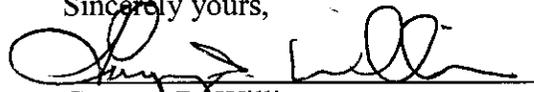
Please find enclosed for filing in the above referenced matter the original and 8 copies of the following pleadings:

1. Answer to Complaint.
2. Motion to Strike Expedited Evidentiary Hearing.

An additional copy of each pleading is also enclosed to be stamped "filed" and returned to me in the enclosed envelop.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



Gregory D. Williams

cc: Dana K. Joyce
John Coffman

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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The Staff of the Missouri Public Service
Commission,

Complainant,

vs.

Case NO. WC-2003-0134

Osage Water Company,

Respondent.

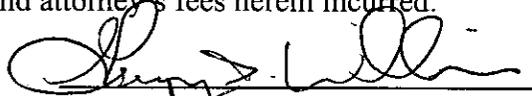
**MOTION TO STRIKE EXPEDITED EVIDENTIARY HEARING
AND FOR PREHEARING CONFERENCE
TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COMES NOW the Respondent in the above captioned matter and moves the Commission for its Order striking the expedited evidentiary hearing presently scheduled herein for October 24, 2002, and in support thereof states:

1. Respondent has filed herewith its Answer to the Complaint herein.
2. All of Respondents customers are presently receiving safe and adequate service, and no emergency exists which would justify or support an expedited hearing herein.
3. The allegations of the Complaint herein are extensive and complex, and will require adequate time for the preparation of evidence to present at a hearing with respect thereto, and insufficient time is available prior to October 24, 2002 for the preparation of such evidence in an orderly fashion.
4. Counsel for Respondent is presently scheduled for trial before the Circuit Court of Camden County, Missouri at 1:00 p.m. on October 24, 2002, and there is no reasonable likelihood that an evidentiary hearing herein could be concluded prior to 1:00 p.m. on said date.

5. Respondent anticipates presenting substantial evidence with respect to the numerous allegations of the Complaint such that it is not reasonable to expect that a full and fair evidentiary hearing could be concluded within one day. Rather, Respondent would anticipate that if pre-filed testimony is not utilized, the hearing could take more than a week to complete.
6. A pre-hearing conference should be scheduled to establish a list of contested issues, to establish a reasonable time frame for the filing of prepared testimony herein, and to establish a hearing date which affords all of the parties hereto ample opportunity to prepare therefor.

WHEREFORE, Respondent prays for an Order of the Commission striking the expedited evidentiary hearing scheduled herein for October 24, 2002 and establishing a pre-hearing conference herein, and for its costs and attorney's fees herein incurred.

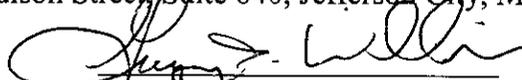


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Gregory D. Williams, do hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing was on this 16 day of October, 2002, mailed, postage prepaid, to the following:

Dana K. Joyce, P.O. Box 360, 200 Madison Street, Suite 800, Jefferson City, MO 65102; John B. Coffman, P.O. Box 7800, 200 Madison Street, Suite 640, Jefferson City, MO 65102.



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