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13 In the Matter of the Request)
14 of the Staff of the Missouri)
15 Public Service Commission for an)
16 Order Directing the General)
17 Counsel to Petition the Circuit) Case No.
18 Court of Cole County for the) WO-2007-0344
19 Appointment of a Receiver for)
20 Rogue Creek Utilities, Inc.,)
21 and for the Appointment of an)
22 Interim Receiver)
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REGULATORY LAW JUDGE

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

2 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Good morning, we're on
3 the record. This is the pre-hearing conference in
4 Case No. WO-2007-0344, in the matter of the request of
5 the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission
6 for an order directing the General Counsel to petition
7 the Circuit Court of Cole County for the appointment
8 of a receiver for Rogue Creek Utilities, Inc. and for
9 the appointment of an interim receiver.

10 I am Ron Pridgin, I'm the Regulatory Law Judge
11 assigned to preside over this pre-hearing conference
12 being held on May 21, 2007. We are in the Governor's
13 Office Building in Jefferson City, Missouri. The time
14 is about five after ten in the morning.

15 I would like to get entries of appearance from
16 counsel, beginning with the General Counsel's Office,
17 please.

18 MR. KRUEGER: Keith R. Krueger for the
19 Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission. My
20 address is P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri
21 65102.

22 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Mr. Krueger, thank you. On
23 behalf of the Office of the Public Counsel, please.

24 MS. BAKER: Christina Baker, P.O. Box 2230,
25 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, appearing for the

1 Office of Public Counsel and the rate payers.

2 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Ms. Baker, thank you. On
3 behalf of Rogue Creek Utilities, Inc., please.

4 MR. KARRAKER: I'm not really sure that I'm
5 representing the corporation. I kind of don't think I
6 am.

7 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Very good. Mr. Karraker,
8 if you could just give your appearance and your
9 client, please?

10 MR. KARRAKER: My name is Kevan Karraker,
11 Missouri Bar No. 31279. My mailing address is P.O.
12 Box 454, Farmington, Missouri, and I am entering
13 for -- have entered for William Rummel, who was the
14 sole shareholder of Rogue Creek Utilities, Inc.

15 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Thank you, Mr. Karraker.
16 Is there any separate counsel entering an appearance
17 for Rogue Creek Utilities? Hearing none.

18 I understand that, I believe it's Joe and Rita
19 Coleman -- if I have their names correct -- perhaps
20 planned to participate in this pre-hearing conference.
21 Are either Mr. or Mrs. Coleman present on the line?
22 Hearing nothing from them.

23 What I would like to do is see if there's anything
24 that counsel needs from me. Are there any pending
25 motions or anything that you feel like you need to

1 draw to my attention?

2 MR. KRUEGER: Not from Staff.

3 MS. BAKER: Not from Public Counsel.

4 MR. KARRAKER: None from Mr. Rummel.

5 JUDGE PRIDGIN: All right. It looks like,
6 from the pleadings, that the parties have minimal
7 dispute, if any, and I believe that the General
8 Counsel's Office pointed out the possibility of a
9 stipulation, and obviously, that would be the
10 preferable manner in disposing of this.

11 I'll alert the parties, and Mr. Karraker in
12 particular, that even if you do reach a stipulation,
13 there's a chance that the Commission would want to
14 hold some sort of hearing anyway, and that would be
15 more to question counsel than to try and get facts.
16 That is to make sure they are comfortable with the
17 party's agreement.

18 MR. KARRAKER: That's fine.

19 JUDGE PRIDGIN: That's just something to
20 keep in mind, as you discuss, that you might want to
21 try to set aside a day or part of a day for a hearing,
22 even if you do reach a stipulation.

23 I will leave the room and go off the record
24 shortly, and I will let you continue the call, and I
25 hope that you'll keep an ear out, if you will, for the

1 Colemans in case they join here briefly. And even if
2 not, if someone could take the trouble to contact them
3 to let them know what you've discussed in the
4 pre-hearing conference.

5 I'll move the telephone over to the counsel table
6 so you can hear Mr. Karraker better and ask that you
7 disconnect the call when you're finished.

8 Is there anything else from counsel before I go
9 off the record?

10 MR. KRUEGER: No, Your Honor.

11 MS. BAKER: No, Your Honor.

12 MR. KARRAKER: No, Your Honor.

13 JUDGE PRIDGIN: Very good. That will
14 conclude the on-the-record portion of the pre-hearing
15 conference in Case No. WO-2007-0344. Thank you very
16 much, we are off the record.

17 (Wherein, the recorded portion of the
18 pre-hearing conference was concluded.)

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