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- 1 PROCEEDINGS
- JUDGE STEARLEY: Let's bring this hearing
- 3 to order. Good afternoon. Today is Monday, August 6,
- 4 2007, and we are here for an evidentiary hearing in
- 5 Case No. WR-2007-0216, et al, in the matter of
- 6 Missouri-American Water Company's request for authority to
- 7 implement a general rate increase for water service
- 8 provided in Missouri's service areas.
- 9 My name is Harold Stearley. I'll be the
- 10 Regulatory Law Judge presiding over this hearing. The
- 11 court reporter today is Kellene Feddersen. And we will
- 12 begin by taking entries of appearance, starting with
- 13 Missouri-American Water Company.
- 14 MR. ENGLAND: Thank you, your Honor. Let
- 15 the record reflect the appearance of W.R. England and
- 16 Dean L. Cooper, on behalf of the Applicant,
- 17 Missouri-American Water Company. We're with the firm of
- 18 Brydon, Swearengen & England, Post Office Box 456,
- 19 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.
- JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you, Mr. England.
- 21 Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission?
- MR. THOMPSON: Thank you, your Honor.
- 23 Kevin Thompson for the Staff of the Missouri Public
- 24 Service Commission, Post Office Box 360, Jefferson City,
- 25 Missouri 65102.

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1 JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you, Mr. Thompson.
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- 2 The Office of the Public Counsel?
- MS. BAKER: Thank you, your Honor,
- 4 Christina Baker, Assistant Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230,
- 5 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, appearing for the Office
- of the Public Counsel and the ratepayers.
- JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you, Ms. Baker.
- 8 UWUA Local 335? Let the record reflect we have no
- 9 appearance from UWUA.
- 10 City of Joplin, Missouri?
- 11 MR. ELLINGER: Marc Ellinger, Jim Deutsch
- 12 and Jane Smith on behalf of the City of Joplin, with the
- 13 law firm of Blitz, Bardgett & Deutsch, 308 East High,
- 14 Suite 301, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.
- JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you, Mr. Ellinger.
- 16 Ag Processing, Incorporated?
- 17 MR. CONRAD: For Intervenor Ag Processing,
- 18 please let the record reflect the appearance of Stuart W.
- 19 Conrad with the law firm of Finnegan, Conrad & Peterson,
- 20 3100 Broadway, Suite 1209, Kansas City, Missouri 64111.
- JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you, Mr. Conrad.
- 22 Missouri Energy Group? Let the record reflect we have no
- 23 appearance from Missouri Energy Group.
- 24 City of Warrensburg?
- 25 MR. FINNEGAN: Your Honor, on behalf of the

- 1 City of Warrensburg, I am entering Leland B. Curtis'
- 2 entry, Curtis, Heinz, Garrett & O'Keefe, PC, 130 South
- 3 Bemiston, Suite 220, Clayton, Missouri 63105. I believe
- 4 he cleared this with Ms. Cully Dale, and also he is --
- 5 he's been ill. He's just recovering from heart surgery.
- JUDGE STEARLEY: And that's Mr. Heinz; is
- 7 that correct?
- 8 MR. FINNEGAN: No. It's Leland B. Curtis.
- 9 JUDGE STEARLEY: Leland B. Curtis. Okay.
- 10 Thank you, Mr. Curtis.
- 11 MR. FINNEGAN: No. I'm Mr. Finnegan.
- JUDGE STEARLEY: Who's on first?
- 13 (Laughter.)
- MR. FINNEGAN: I'm coming up.
- JUDGE STEARLEY: I have a tiny bit of a
- 16 hearing deficit. If I confuse your identities today --
- 17 MR. FINNEGAN: That was a complex one.
- 18 JUDGE STEARLEY: You might want to confuse
- 19 your identities today.
- 20 Public Water District No. 1 of DeKalb
- 21 County and Districts 1 and 2 of Andrew County?
- MR. DORITY: Thank you, your Honor.
- 23 Larry W. Dority and James M. Fischer, Fischer & Dority,
- 24 PC, appearing on behalf of the Public Water Supply
- 25 District Nos. 1 and 2 of Andrew County and Water Supply

- 1 District No. 1 for DeKalb County. Our address is
- 2 101 Madison, Suite 400, Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.
- JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you, Mr. Dority.
- 4 The Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers?
- 5 MS. ILES: Your Honor, Carole Iles and
- 6 Diana Vuylsteke with Bryan Cave, LLP, for the Missouri
- 7 Industrial Energy Consumers. Sorry about that.
- 8 JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you, Ms. Iles. City
- 9 of St. Joseph?
- 10 MR. STEINMEIER: Thank you, your Honor.
- 11 Please let the record reflect the appearance of William D.
- 12 Steinmeier and Mary Ann (Garr) Young of William D.
- 13 Steinmeier, PC, on behalf of the City of St. Joseph.
- 14 JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you, Mr. Steinmeier.
- 15 Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District?
- MR. LOWRY: Thank you, your Honor. Would
- 17 the record reflect the appearance of Byron Francis, and my
- 18 name is J. Kent Lowry of the firm of Armstrong Teasdale,
- 19 LLP, on behalf of the Metropolitan Sewer District.
- JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you, Mr. Lowry.
- 21 City of Jefferson? Let the record reflect we have no
- 22 appearance for the City of Jefferson.
- 23 City of Parkville?
- 24 MR. FINNEGAN: On behalf of the City of
- 25 Parkville, Jeremiah D. Finnegan -- that's me -- Finnegan,

- 1 Conrad & Peterson, LC, 3100 Broadway, Suite 1209,
- 2 Kansas City, Missouri 64111.
- JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you, Mr. Finnegan.
- 4 The Home Builders Association of Greater St. Louis?
- 5 MS. LLORENTE: Yes, your Honor. Laura
- 6 Llorente from Husch & Eppenberger, here on behalf of the
- 7 Home Builders Association of St. Louis and Eastern
- 8 Missouri, Inc. Address is P.O. Box 1251, Jefferson City,
- 9 Missouri 65102. My last name's spelled L-l-o-r-e-n-t-e.
- 10 First name is Laura, L-a-u-r-a, from Husch & Eppenberger.
- 11 JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you, Ms. Llorente.
- 12 All right. Just as an initial matter, I
- 13 would like to caution you all to please turn off all cell
- 14 phones, Blackberrys, electronic devices. Turn them
- 15 completely off, not just in the silence mode, as those
- 16 devices unfortunately do interfere with our recording and
- 17 our webcasting.
- 18 At this time I know we have a number of
- 19 procedural matters we need to take up. Very briefly, we
- 20 have three motions pending for the late filing of
- 21 prehearing briefs from the Office of Public Counsel, Staff
- 22 and the City of Warrensburg. Those motions are granted
- 23 and the briefs are deemed admitted.
- And now I would need to ask the parties,
- 25 it's my understanding that there's possibly been a

- 1 Stipulation & Agreement in the works here. If you would
- 2 kindly update me as to the status of that.
- 3 MR. ENGLAND: Judge, I'll take a crack at
- 4 that. You are partially correct. We have a Nonunanimous
- 5 Stipulation & Agreement among all, I believe, of the
- 6 parties, with the exception of Joplin. We are in the
- 7 process of trying to reduce that to writing. Hopefully we
- 8 will have that filed, if not late today, more likely
- 9 tomorrow.
- 10 We've also been in discussions with the
- 11 City of Joplin who, as I indicated, has some issues that
- 12 they want to pursue outside the -- not outside, but that
- 13 they want to pursue since they're not a party to the
- 14 Stipulation & Agreement, and we've talked about
- 15 rescheduling the hearing to accommodate those issues and
- 16 the witnesses that are relevant to those issues.
- 17 And right now it appears that next Tuesday
- 18 and Wednesday would probably be sufficient to do that, and
- 19 those dates appear to be convenient for the -- for the
- 20 parties and as well as for the witnesses, but I'll let
- 21 Mr. Ellinger address that as well.
- 22 MR. ELLINGER: Judge, that -- Judge, that's
- 23 correct. We have -- we will be objecting to the
- 24 stipulation that has been agreed to by the other parties
- 25 and seeking a hearing on that. To that accord, we've

- 1 discussed and met with the other parties today, and we
- 2 would agree to start the hearing Tuesday morning, the
- 3 14th, at 9 a.m. and just start the hearing from there and
- 4 deal with the issues that are in dispute between the City
- 5 of Joplin and the other parties that prohibit us from
- 6 agreeing to the stipulation.
- JUDGE STEARLEY: Just so I am clear, are
- 8 you opposing the entire stipulation?
- 9 MR. ELLINGER: We haven't seen the final
- 10 terms of the stipulation. At this point, we are objecting
- 11 to the stipulation, and obviously we can't formally object
- 12 until it's filed, but that is our intent.
- 13 JUDGE STEARLEY: All right. I quess
- 14 perhaps for clarity, if we reset for next Tuesday, the
- 15 parties can at that time initially clarify as far as the
- 16 stipulation goes if there are agreements that -- or
- 17 portions of that stipulation that you will all unanimously
- 18 agree to, or if the issues that you're opposing are going
- 19 to affect the entire stipulation where we would need to
- 20 have an entire evidentiary hearing on all the issues.
- 21 MR. ELLINGER: Again, I can't speak on
- 22 behalf of what the stipulation would say. We certainly
- 23 are going to have objections to certain parts thereof, and
- 24 the effect of those parts may be to have impact upon the
- 25 general matters of the stipulation, but we can certainly

- 1 clarify that after the stipulation is filed.
- 2 JUDGE STEARLEY: Okay. Any other of the
- 3 other parties want to weigh in on this?
- 4 MR. LOWRY: Your Honor, if I may. Kent
- 5 Lowry on behalf of the Metropolitan Sewer District. We
- 6 have a very small piece that we intervened to protect and
- 7 have reached agreement with and filed a stipulation with
- 8 Missouri-American Water, and we -- to our knowledge, there
- 9 is no objection to that portion. And we wouldn't propose
- 10 to burden the Commission with our appearance any further
- 11 unless there is some reason why we need to be here for
- 12 those hearings.
- JUDGE STEARLEY: All right. Very good.
- 14 Anyone else? Are any of the parties opposed, then, to
- 15 rescheduling for us to convene next Tuesday at 9 a.m.?
- 16 (No response.)
- 17 JUDGE STEARLEY: All right. And I would
- 18 ask, then, assuming the stipulation you say could be filed
- 19 perhaps by the end of today?
- 20 MR. ENGLAND: That's maybe overly
- 21 optimistic. We're certainly pushing for that, but I
- 22 suspect tomorrow would be more realistic.
- JUDGE STEARLEY: All right. I would also
- 24 expect shortly thereafter for the City of Joplin to file a
- 25 pleading identifying any specific issues it's taking

- 1 objection to. I would also like you to identify the
- 2 specific witness list for us in terms of other parties'
- 3 witnesses you're going to want to appear for
- 4 cross-examination. I assume you're going to be presenting
- 5 one witness, is it Ms. Jones?
- 6 MR. ELLINGER: That's correct, Judge. We
- 7 would prepare a witness list. I think we've actually
- 8 worked it out as a general statement with the parties as
- 9 to what witnesses would appear on these issues.
- 10 JUDGE STEARLEY: All right. Very good.
- 11 Well, are there any other matters we need to take up,
- 12 then, at this point today?
- 13 MR. ENGLAND: There are, Judge. Due to the
- 14 scheduling of one of our witnesses, Ms. Pauline Ahern, she
- 15 is only available the first two days of this week. As a
- 16 consequence, we feel it necessary to offer her at this
- 17 time. My understanding is there is no questions for her
- 18 either by the signatory parties to the Nonunanimous
- 19 Stipulation & Agreement or by Joplin, who will be
- 20 objecting.
- 21 But my goal here is to, if she is needed
- 22 for purposes of this hearing, I want to make her
- 23 available, and then assuming no one needs to speak with
- 24 her, I'd like to have her excused for the purposes of the
- 25 remainder of the proceeding.

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1 JUDGE STEARLEY: All right. Are there any
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- 2 objections from any other parties to proceeding in that
- 3 fashion?
- 4 MR. CONRAD: We have no objection, your
- 5 Honor. At some point we have a housekeeping matter that
- 6 we might like to bring up, but we can deal with that after
- 7 counsel's witness has come and gone.
- 8 JUDGE STEARLEY: All right. Very good.
- 9 And, Mr. England, I believe we should have all our
- 10 exhibits premarked; is that correct?
- 11 MR. ENGLAND: Well, I think that may be the
- 12 housekeeping matter that we --
- 13 JUDGE STEARLEY: In terms of testimony
- 14 today, though, we don't have a great deal of exhibits we
- 15 need to worry about?
- 16 MR. ENGLAND: In an abundance of caution, I
- 17 did bring a copy of Ms. Ahern's, she has direct, rebuttal,
- 18 surrebuttal testimony. There are proprietary versions of
- 19 her rebuttal and surrebuttal. If you wanted to mark them
- 20 today, we could and take that, and then with all of the
- 21 other prefiled testimony, we were waiting to get some
- 22 instruction from you as to how you wanted us to prefile
- 23 that for purposes of the rest of the case.
- JUDGE STEARLEY: All right. Very good. In
- 25 terms of the witnesses that the parties are not going to

- 1 want for the issues that remain in dispute, we can
- 2 offer -- that testimony's been prefiled. It can be
- 3 offered. I can entertain any objections. If we're not
- 4 going to be putting those witnesses on the stand, though,
- 5 I will have to assume that there's not going to be any
- 6 corrections to that testimony as filed.
- 7 MR. ENGLAND: I think that's generally
- 8 true, with the exception of Mr. Weeks, company witness
- 9 Greg Weeks who filed direct testimony in the ancillary
- 10 case involving the capacity charge for Cedar Hill and
- 11 Warren County Sewer Districts. There were some revisions
- 12 that we alerted the parties to and sent out an e-mail, but
- 13 we intended to make those revisions at the time we offered
- 14 his testimony. So I would offer his testimony either as
- 15 revised or as supplemented by those revisions.
- 16 JUDGE STEARLEY: Have those revisions been
- 17 filed at this point?
- 18 MR. ENGLAND: No, they haven't. They were
- 19 just distributed among the parties.
- JUDGE STEARLEY: Okay. Well, we can
- 21 certainly take it as revised. At this point, I guess what
- 22 we'll do is we'll take a very short recess. You can mark
- 23 those exhibits we're going to enter today. I can take up
- 24 the remainder of the prefiled testimony, and I will see if
- 25 any of the Commissioners would wish to have any questions

- 1 for Ms. Ahern.
- 2 MR. CONRAD: If your Honor please, the
- 3 other part of that housekeeping thing, kind of going that
- 4 direction, it was going to be a suggestion that we would
- 5 make -- some judges have done this in their preliminary
- 6 orders or some kind of scheduling orders -- just to assign
- 7 blocks of numbers and then let the parties premark their
- 8 materials, which at least in some experience that I've
- 9 had, has shortened up that process quite a bit. That
- 10 wouldn't help us today, admittedly.
- 11 JUDGE STEARLEY: I believe the original
- 12 order instructed the parties to mark their exhibits
- 13 sequentially by, for example, Missouri-American Water
- 14 Company's MAWC-1 sequentially. If that's an acceptable
- 15 method, we can stick with that, unless you'd rather have
- 16 numbering blocks.
- 17 MR. CONRAD: That's your call. You're up
- 18 there. I'm down here.
- 19 MR. ENGLAND: The only other question I
- 20 would have is, for example, on those few pieces of
- 21 testimony that have proprietary information, would you
- 22 like a separate exhibit number or is it simply sufficient
- 23 to say Missouri-American Water Company Exhibit
- 24 2-proprietary and 2-nonproprietary?
- 25 JUDGE STEARLEY: Yes. Just the dash

- 1 proprietary and nonproprietary is fine.
- 2 All right. Very well. We'll take a very
- 3 short recess, five to ten minutes. I'll see if there's
- 4 any other Commissioners. If you're ready to go,
- 5 Mr. Chairman, we'll send them an e-mail. We're only going
- 6 to take testimony from one witness today.
- 7 CHAIRMAN DAVIS: Well, let's get it on.
- 8 JUDGE STEARLEY: All right. Very good.
- 9 You've heard the Chairman speak. Very well. Mr. England,
- 10 you may call your witness.
- 11 MR. ENGLAND: Our first and only witness
- 12 today is Pauline Ahern. Judge, the first exhibit under
- 13 the marking order would be MAWC Exhibit No. 1, the direct
- 14 testimony of Pauline M Ahern.
- 15 (MAWC EXHIBIT NO. 1 WAS MARKED FOR
- 16 IDENTIFICATION BY THE REPORTER.)
- 17 MR. ENGLAND: The next exhibit would be
- 18 MAWC 2-NP, which is the nonproprietary version of
- 19 Ms. Ahern's rebuttal testimony.
- 20 (MAWC EXHIBIT NO. 2-NP WAS MARKED FOR
- 21 IDENTIFICATION BY THE REPORTER.)
- MR. ENGLAND: And then we have a
- 23 proprietary version, which I guess would be MAWC-2-P.
- 24 (MAWC EXHIBIT NO. 2-P WAS MARKED FOR
- 25 IDENTIFICATION BY THE REPORTER.)

- 1 MR. ENGLAND: MAWC 3-NP is the
- 2 nonproprietary version of Ms. Ahern's surrebuttal
- 3 testimony.
- 4 (MAWC EXHIBIT NO. 3-NP WAS MARKED FOR
- 5 IDENTIFICATION BY THE REPORTER.)
- 6 MR. ENGLAND: And MAWC 3-P would be the
- 7 proprietary version of that same testimony.
- 8 (MAWC EXHIBIT NO. 3-P WAS MARKED FOR
- 9 IDENTIFICATION BY THE REPORTER.)
- 10 JUDGE STEARLEY: All right. Ms. Ahern, let
- 11 me swear you in.
- 12 (Witness sworn.)
- JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you very much.
- 14 Mr. England, you may proceed.
- MR. ENGLAND: Thank you, your Honor.
- 16 PAULINE AHERN testified as follows:
- 17 DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. ENGLAND:
- 18 Q. Would you please state your full name for
- 19 the record, please.
- 20 A. It's Pauline M. Ahern, A-h-e-r-n.
- 21 Q. And, Ms. Ahern, by whom are you employed
- 22 and in what capacity?
- 23 A. I am a principal with AUS Consultants.
- Q. And have you been retained by
- 25 Missouri-American Water Company for purposes of this case?

- 1 A. Yes, I have.
- 2 Q. Could you briefly explain the nature of
- 3 that retention?
- A. I was retained by -- sorry. I was retained
- 5 by Missouri-American to perform a rate of return study,
- 6 with the purpose of developing a recommended common equity
- 7 cost rate for Missouri-American Water's water operations
- 8 and sewer operations in Missouri.
- 9 Q. In that capacity, did you cause to be
- 10 prepared and prefiled with the Commission three pieces of
- 11 testimony which have been designated direct, rebuttal and
- 12 surrebuttal?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And I believe they've also now been marked
- as MAWC 1, which is the direct, MAWC 2 and 2-P, which is
- 16 your rebuttal, and MAWC 3 and 3-P, which is your
- 17 surrebuttal; is that right?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. Are there any changes or corrections that
- 20 need to be made to the testimony at this time?
- 21 A. I have one change to the direct testimony,
- 22 MAWC-1. It is on page 12, line 23, the word significantly
- 23 should be struck.
- 24 Q. Could you give me that page and line again,
- 25 please?

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1 A. It's page 12, line 23, the word
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- 2 significantly.
- 3 Q. Thank you. Any other changes?
- 4 A. I have one change to the rebuttal
- 5 testimony, and I believe it appears in both the
- 6 proprietary and nonproprietary versions at the same place.
- 7 I didn't bring a nonproprietary version. It would be on
- 8 page 22, line 16, where it says page 3, it should read
- 9 page 4.
- 10 Q. Thank you. Any other changes?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. Ms. Ahern, was this testimony prepared by
- 13 you or under your direct supervision?
- 14 A. Yes, it was.
- 15 Q. And are the answers and information
- 16 contained in that testimony true and correct to the best
- 17 of your knowledge, information and belief?
- 18 A. Yes, they are.
- 19 MR. ENGLAND: Thank you. I have no other
- 20 questions of the witness and would offer Exhibits MAWC 1,
- 21 MAWC 2 and 2-P, MAWC 3 and 3-P into the record at this
- 22 time.
- JUDGE STEARLEY: All right. Any objections
- 24 to the offering of these exhibits?
- 25 (No response.)

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1 JUDGE STEARLEY: Very well. All five
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- 2 exhibits will be admitted and received in evidence.
- 3 (MAWC EXHIBIT NOS. 1, 2, 2-P, 3 AND 3-P
- 4 WERE RECEIVED INTO EVIDENCE.)
- 5 JUDGE STEARLEY: And we will begin, let's
- 6 see, cross-examination with the City of Warrensburg.
- 7 MR. FINNEGAN: Mr. Warrensburg --
- 8 Mr. Curtis is not here today. I just entered his
- 9 appearance for him because he was ill.
- 10 JUDGE STEARLEY: All right. Very well.
- 11 St. Joseph?
- MR. STEINMEIER: No questions, your Honor.
- JUDGE STEARLEY: The water districts,
- 14 Mr. Dority?
- MR. DORITY: No questions, your Honor.
- JUDGE STEARLEY: City of Joplin?
- 17 MR. ELLINGER: No questions, your Honor.
- JUDGE STEARLEY: Metropolitan Sewer
- 19 District?
- MR. LOWRY: No questions, your Honor.
- JUDGE STEARLEY: City of Parkville?
- MR. FINNEGAN: No questions, your Honor.
- JUDGE STEARLEY: MIEC?
- MS. ILES: No questions, your Honor.
- JUDGE STEARLEY: Ag Processing?

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1 MR. CONRAD: Your Honor, taking out that
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- 2 word significantly, the witness has eliminated my cross.
- 3 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you, Mr. Conrad.
- 5 Office of Public Counsel?
- MS. BAKER: No questions, your Honor.
- JUDGE STEARLEY: Staff of the Missouri
- 8 Public Service Commission?
- 9 MR. THOMPSON: No questions, Judge. Thank
- 10 you.
- JUDGE STEARLEY: Did I miss any party? I
- 12 tried to omit the ones who have not appeared today.
- MS. LLORENTE: Home Builders, your Honor,
- 14 doesn't have any questions.
- 15 JUDGE STEARLEY: Sorry. Thank you. Any
- 16 questions from the Bench for Ms. Ahern?
- 17 COMMISSIONER APPLING: Stu, I missed the
- 18 question on the significantly. Would you mind repeating
- 19 that again? No. I'm just joking with you. I don't have
- 20 any questions, Judge. Thank you. I'm sure my friend
- 21 Steve will fill in the blanks.
- 22 JUDGE STEARLEY: Commissioner Gaw?
- 23 COMMISSIONER GAW: No questions.
- JUDGE STEARLEY: Chairman Davis?
- 25 CHAIRMAN DAVIS: Pass.

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1 JUDGE STEARLEY: It appears we don't need
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- 2 any redirect as well, and I have no questions for
- 3 Ms. Ahern. This was the only day Ms. Ahern could appear,
- 4 so I'm going to finally excuse her as a witness, unless
- 5 there are any objections.
- THE WITNESS: Thank you, your Honor.
- 7 JUDGE STEARLEY: Thank you for appearing
- 8 today, and you are finally excused as a witness in this
- 9 matter.
- 10 MR. ENGLAND: Thank you, your Honor.
- 11 JUDGE STEARLEY: Now, as we had discussed,
- 12 the remainder of the hearing we're going to postpone 'til
- 13 next Tuesday morning, 9 a.m. Pick up with approximately
- 14 two days of hearing. Were there any other procedural
- 15 matters we needed to address?
- 16 CHAIRMAN DAVIS: You said next Tuesday,
- Judge, you'll pick up for two days of hearing?
- JUDGE STEARLEY: That's correct,
- 19 Mr. Chairman. The parties are working on filing the
- 20 Nonunanimous Stipulation & Agreement, and we'll have a new
- 21 procedural schedule limited to the issues and few
- 22 witnesses that need to be addressed for the City of
- 23 Joplin.
- 24 CHAIRMAN DAVIS: All right. Thank you,
- 25 Judge.

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                   JUDGE STEARLEY: All right. Any other
    matters we need to take up today?
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                   (No response.)
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                   JUDGE STEARLEY: Very well. We will
    adjourn for the day, and I will see you all here next
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     Tuesday, 9 a.m.
                   WHEREUPON, the hearing of this case was
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    recessed until August 14, 2007.
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7	Missouri, do hereby certify that I was personally present
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