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13 In the matter of Missouri-American Water
14 Company's Request for Authority to implement
15 a General Rate increase for water service
16 provided in Missouri service areas.

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18 MORRIS L. WOODRUFF, Presiding
19 Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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21 CONNIE MURRAY

22 LINWARD "LIN" APPLING

23 Commissioners

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

2 (Hearing commenced at 6:00 p.m.)

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4 JUDGE WOODRUFF: They have given
5 me the thumbs up, we're ready to get started.
6 Let's go on the record at this point.

7 Good evening and welcome to the local
8 public hearing in case WR-2007-0216 which
9 concerns Missouri-American Water Company's
10 request for authority to implement a general
11 rate increase.

12 We're giving a local public hearing in
13 today Warrensburg, Missouri and I'm here in
14 Jefferson City. My name is Morris Woodruff,
15 I'm the Regulatory Law Judge assigned to this
16 case. And with me today on the bench is
17 Commissioner Lin Appling one of the five
18 commissioners on the Public Service
19 Commission.

20 I understand we have one witness there
21 in Warrensburg and I'll explain how the
22 proceedings will work. I will swear him in
23 as a witness, his testimony will be
24 transcribed and will be available for review
25 by all the commissioners.

1 Commissioner Connie Murray is also
2 joining us here in the hearing room.

3 And we'll begin today by taking entries
4 of appearance for any attorneys wishing to
5 appear beginning with Missouri-American.

6 MR. ENGLAND: Thank you, Your
7 Honor, let the record reflect the appearance
8 of W. R. England appearing on behalf of the
9 applicant Missouri-American Water Company.
10 Our mailing address here in Jefferson City is
11 PO Box 456, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

12 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. Is
13 there anyone entering an appearance for the
14 Staff? For office of public counsel.

15 MS. BAKER: Yes. Christina Baker,
16 Assistant Public Counsel, PO Box 2230
17 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 appearing for
18 the Office of Public Counsel.

19 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Okay. And I
20 apologize we are getting a delay in the
21 transmission or things are cutting out. I
22 think I heard everything Miss Baker said, but
23 it's kind of delayed. Are you reading us loud
24 and clear there in Warrensburg?

25 MR. OCHOA: Yes, but you're

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1 cutting out a little bit, Your Honor, because
2 of the microphones.

3 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right.
4 Well, we'll just have to live with it I
5 guess.

6 Are there any other attorneys there for
7 any of the other parties.

8 MR. OCHOA: No, Your Honor.

9 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right, I
10 will assume there isn't. All right, thank
11 you.

12 All right. I will start then and give
13 the commissioners a chance to make any
14 opening statements that they'd like to make.
15 Commissioner Murray.

16 COMMISSIONER MURRAY: I don't wish
17 to make any, thank you.

18 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right,
19 thank you. Commissioner Appling.

20 COMMISSIONER APPLING: Judge, I
21 have no opening statement, I just want to
22 make sure we welcome the first witness and
23 we'll listen attentatively to his testimony.

24 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. Then
25 let's go ahead go to the first witness.

1 I see your picture on the screen there,
2 sir. What is your name, sir?

3 THE WITNESS: My name is Jeff
4 Hancock, I am the City Manager of
5 Warrensburg, Missouri.

6 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you, Mr.
7 Hancock. I'm going to swear you in as a
8 witness, if you will please raise your right
9 hand.

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11 JEFF HANCOCK
12 called as a witness herein, being first duly
13 sworn by the Reporter, testified on his oath
14 as follows:

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16 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right, Mr.
17 Hancock what would you like to tell us.

18 THE WITNESS: I am representing
19 the City of Warrensburg and the City of
20 Warrensburg has intervened into this case.
21 The first issue that -- I'm getting a little
22 feedback.

23 JUDGE WOODRUFF: I'm going to
24 turn off my microphone here.

25 THE WITNESS: The first issue

1 that the city and the staff of the PSC have
2 been looking at the proposed rate increase is
3 to make sure the increase is directly
4 attributable to actual capital plan
5 investments made in the water, Warrensburg
6 district. Normal and justifiable operating
7 cost increases to Warrensburg and common
8 administrative costs that have been fairly
9 apportioned among the MAWC district.

10 The second issue is the perennial one of
11 rate design. As you may recall Warrensburg
12 and most of the other districts have always
13 maintained the district specific pricing is
14 the most equitable rate design methodology as
15 opposed to the single tariff pricing
16 mechanism that the company and some of the
17 PSC have advanced for in the past.

18 Mr. Chairman and members of the
19 commission, those really are my two basic
20 points and that would conclude my comments.

21 THE REPORTER: He's on mute.

22 UNKNOWN VOICE: No thank you.

23 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Miss Baker, do
24 you have any questions as Public Counsel?

25 MS. BAKER: No, I do not, thank

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1 you.

2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right.

3 Commissioner Murray, do you have any
4 questions.

5 COMMISSIONER MURRAY: No I don't.
6 Thank you for your testimony.

7 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Commissioner
8 Appling.

9 COMMISSIONER APPLING: Sir, I have
10 no questions. Thank you for coming in and
11 thanks for your comments.

12 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

13 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Mr. Ochoa.

14 THE WITNESS: Thank you for being
15 in Warrensburg.

16 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Thank you. You
17 can step down then. Was there anybody else
18 there in Warrensburg that wished to testify.

19 MR. OCHOA: Yes, we have one
20 other witness, Your Honor.

21 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right,
22 bring him forward.

23 MR. BRADLEY: I'm Patrick Bradley
24 from the university.

25 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right.

1 THE WITNESS: I just have a quick
2 question.

3 THE REPORTER: Just a second,
4 sir.

5 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Wait, wait,
6 wait. I need to swear you in as a witness.

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8 PATRICK BRADLEY
9 called as a witness herein, being first duly
10 sworn by the Judge, testified on his oath as
11 follows:

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13 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right,
14 thank you. Now you can tell us what you need
15 to tell us. What would you like to tell us?

16 THE WITNESS: I want to know if
17 this is only going to affect residential
18 customers or does this affect the
19 university --

20 THE REPORTER: Excuse me, sir,
21 could you turn off that microphone with the
22 feedback. I can't hear him. Okay, go ahead.

23 THE WITNESS: Does this affect
24 the university or is this strictly only
25 residential?

1 MS. BAKER: I'm sorry, Your
2 Honor.

3 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Could you hear
4 me?

5 MS. BAKER: No, we could not.

6 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. I
7 was just telling the witness that I can't
8 answer questions from the public in this
9 proceeding. But there may be somebody there
10 from Public Counsel or from someone else
11 there from the water company that can answer
12 those kind of questions for you, all I can do
13 is take your comments.

14 THE WITNESS: Well, I'd like to
15 comment at least publicly that we have a
16 rather large substantial water bill just in
17 university housing alone. Our residents
18 consume a lot of water, and obviously this
19 rate increase will affect us as we're
20 entering the final stages of our budget year.

21 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Was there
22 anything else you wanted to add?

23 THE WITNESS: No, that will be
24 it.

25 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. And

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1 you said that you represent Central Missouri
2 University? Or it's the University of
3 Central Missouri now.

4 THE WITNESS: I am not here in a
5 official capacity as appointed by the
6 university, just watching in particular our
7 housing budget.

8 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right.
9 Thank you. Any questions from
10 Missouri-American for this witness?

11 MR. ENGLAND: No, thank you.

12 JUDGE WOODRUFF: For Public
13 Counsel?

14 MS. BAKER: No questions, thank
15 you.

16 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Commissioner
17 Murray?

18 COMMISSIONER MURRAY: No
19 questions, thank you.

20 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Commissioner
21 Appling?

22 COMMISSIONER APPLING: No questions.

23 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right then,
24 sir, you can step down.

25 Were there any other witnesses?

1 MR. OCHOA: No, Your Honor.

2 JUDGE WOODRUFF: All right. Any
3 other matters that need to be brought up
4 while were still on the record?

5 (NO RESPONSE)

6 JUDGE WOODRUFF: Hearing nothing
7 else then I believe that we can conclude this
8 hearing, and I thank you all for taking the
9 time to come and testify for us. And with
10 that this hearing is adjourned. Thank you
11 all very much.

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13 (Hearing adjourned at 6:15 p.m.)

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