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Sent: Thursday, February 14, 2008 2:27 PM
To: Krueger, Keith
Cc: Cassidy, John; Russo, Jim; 'Baker, Christina'
Subject: RE: Aqua Missouri -- Local public hearing dates

Thanks for letting me know, I will discuss with the Commissioners to see what they want to do.

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Subject: FW: Aqua Missouri -- Local public hearing dates

It is not my objective to further complicate your life, so if that happens, it is unintended ...

The Staff now believes it is very likely that Aqua Missouri will, within a few days, request an extension of the 150-time period for processing its small company rate increase request. We would expect to request an extension of 30 to 60 days. Consequently, the Staff no longer believes it will be able to complete its audit by March 6, as previously contemplated; but we believe the audit will be complete within 60 days after that, by May 5.

If there are local public hearings, we want to be able to give Aqua's customers the most meaningful information we can give them. The Staff believes the local public hearings will be most beneficial to the Company, the customers, and the Staff if they are held sometime after May 5.

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I understand we probably will not negotiate with the company until about April 15, so it would be most helpful if hearings are completed before then. That is, we would not have to have them complete by April 3. The March 27 date should work fine, but we may not have all the information we'd like by March 13.

From: Dippell, Nancy*
Sent: Thursday, February 07, 2008 11:08 AM
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I appreciate that, but, yes, it is next to impossible, especially given that we already have LPHs in the Empire case the last week in March. We have a couple of dates confirmed (but not yet approved by the Commissioners) March 13 (Republic) and March 27 (Reed Springs). I will let the Commissioners know your timeline when I take the dates to them.

Thanks,

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According to the timeline the Staff follows in small company rate cases, Staff is supposed to complete its audit by March 6, but I understand that at that time they would only have a preliminary number. Staff is supposed to have its final audit number by March 26, and the auditors would prefer to have this final number before the local public hearing. Staff is supposed to begin negotiating with the Company on April 7. In order to have the most information from customers, Staff would prefer to complete the local public hearings before it begins negotiating.

So the optimum dates for the local public hearings, from our point of view, would be between March 26 and about April 3. I imagine that is pretty much impossible, since we will need three or four (or five?) hearings. But I wanted to let you know what would work best for us.