

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office in  
Jefferson City on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of  
November, 2017.

In the Matter of Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC and )  
Ozark International, Inc., Concerning an Agreement to )  
Acquire the Assets of Bilyeau Ridge Water Company, LLC )  
Midland Water Company, Inc., Moore Bend Water Utility, )  
LLC, Riverfork Water Company, Taney County Water, LLC, )  
And Valley Woods Utility )

**File No. WM-2018-0023**

**ORDER ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Issue Date: November 8, 2017

Effective Date: November 8, 2017

On September 14, 2017, Liberty Utilities (Missouri Water) LLC d/b/a Liberty Utilities and Ozark International, Inc. filed a joint application asking the Commission to authorize Liberty Utilities to acquire the franchise and operating assets of six water and sewer companies that are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Ozark International. At the direction of the Commission, the parties filed a proposed procedural schedule on November 3. This order will adopt that procedural schedule, with minor adjustments to account for Washington's Birthday Holiday on February 19, and to allow for the filing of statements of positions before the hearing.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The following procedural schedule is established:

<b>Staff Recommendation</b>	-	<b>January 5, 2018</b>
<b>Data Request Response Times Reduced To 10 Calendar Days to Respond and 5 Calendar Days to Object/Notify of Need For Additional Time to Respond</b>	-	<b>January 5, 2018</b>
<b>Comments to Staff Recommendation</b>	-	<b>January 15, 2018</b>

<b>Direct Testimony</b>	-	<b>February 20, 2018</b>
<b>Rebuttal Testimony</b>	-	<b>March 9, 2018</b>
<b>List of Issues, Order of Witnesses, Order of Cross-Examination, Order of Opening Statements</b>	-	<b>March 15, 2018</b>
<b>Statements of Position</b>	-	<b>March 16, 2018</b>
<b>Hearing</b>	-	<b>March 22, 2018 beginning at 8:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Initial Post-Hearing Briefs</b>	-	<b>April 11, 2018</b>
<b>Reply Briefs</b>	-	<b>April 25, 2018</b>

2. The parties shall comply with the following procedural requirements:

- (A) Although not all parties may agree upon how each issue should be described, or on whether a listed issue is in fact a proper issue in this case, the parties shall agree upon and Staff shall file a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing, the order in which they will be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness. The list of issues should be detailed enough to inform the Commission of each issue that must be resolved. The Commission will view any issue not contained in this list of issues as abandoned and not requiring resolution by the Commission.
- (B) Each party shall file a simple and concise statement summarizing its position on each disputed issue.
- (C) All pleadings, briefs, and amendments shall be filed in accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080. Briefs shall follow the same list of issues as filed in the case and must set forth and cite the record concerning the issues that are to be decided by the Commission.

(D) If testimony or documents are pre-filed and served upon the parties before a hearing, a party need provide a copy of the testimony or document only to the court reporter to be marked as an exhibit. If not prefiled and served upon the parties, then a party who has a document marked for use at the hearing shall have sufficient copies of the document to provide a copy not only to the court reporter, but also to each Commissioner, the Presiding Officer, and counsel for each other party.

3. The hearing shall be held at the Commission's office at the Governor Office Building, Room 310, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This building meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you need additional accommodations to participate in this hearing, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

4. This order shall be effective when issued.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Stoll, Kenney, Rupp, and Coleman, CC., concur.  
Hall, Chm., absent.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge