

ORIGINAL

STATE OF INDIANA

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE INDIANA )  
 UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION'S ) CAUSE NO. 44232  
 INVESTIGATION INTO THE FINANCIAL, )  
 OPERATIONAL AND MANAGERIAL ) APPROVED: SEP 05 2012  
 CAPACITY OF RIVERSIDE WATER )  
 COMPANY, INC. )

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PREHEARING CONFERENCE ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

**Presiding Officers:**

**Larry S. Landis, Commissioner**

**Lorraine L. Seyfried, Chief Administrative Law Judge**

On August 8, 2012, the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission ("Commission") issued an Order in this Cause initiating an investigation into the financial, operational and managerial capacity of Riverside Water Company, Inc. ("Riverside") to own and operate a public water utility.

Pursuant to notice and as provided for in 170 IAC 1-1.1-15, a Technical and Prehearing Conference in this Cause was held at 1:30 p.m. on August 27, 2012 in Room 224 of the PNC Center, 101 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Proofs of publication of the notice of the Conference have been incorporated into the record and placed in the official files of the Commission. Counsel for Riverside, Indiana-American Water Company, Inc. ("Indiana-American") and the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor ("OUCC") appeared and participated at the Conference. Several members of the general public also appeared.

On August 23, 2012, Indiana-American filed a Petition to Intervene. No party objected to the petition and the Presiding Officers granted Indiana-American leave to intervene.

A Technical Conference was held off the record prior to the Prehearing Conference to allow the parties to discuss and clarify the issues to be considered in this proceeding. The Commission provided additional information concerning possible evidence that may be used to address the requirements contained in the Commission's August 8, 2012 Order. More specifically with regard to Riverside's submission of a complete financial plan, Riverside was informed that the plan may include such items as an equity infusion, reduction of currently outstanding debt, longer repayment period for outstanding debt, collection of note receivable from affiliate, and/or a request for a rate increase that is consistent with Ind. Code § 8-1-2.

After the Technical Conference, an informal discussion was held regarding procedural and scheduling matters in this Cause. Based upon the agreement of the parties, Riverside will provide a proposed procedural schedule to the other parties in this Cause on or before September 10, 2012. Riverside will also provide an agreed upon procedural schedule, or notify the Commission of an

inability to agree upon a procedural schedule along with its proposed schedule, on or before September 17, 2012. In the event of disagreement, any party may file a response to Riverside's proposed procedural schedule on or before September 21, 2012.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION that:**

1. The determinations of the Prehearing Conference set forth in this Order are made a part of the record in this Cause and shall be binding on all present and future parties of record during the proceedings of this Cause.

2. This Order shall be effective on and after the date of its approval.

**ATTERHOLT, BENNETT, LANDIS, MAYS AND ZIEGNER CONCUR:**

**APPROVED:        SEP 05 2012**

**I hereby certify that the above is a true  
and correct copy of the Order as approved.**

  
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**Brenda A. Howe**  
**Secretary to the Commission**