

## **Docket 17-12022 Pre-hearing Conference Summary**

**February 22, 2018**

The presiding officer is Commissioner Ann Pongracz. SCA's request to intervene in this rate case was approved. This means that SCA will be a party to all discussions and any negotiations and will be able to participate in the discovery process by asking GBWC questions in writing. The company will be required to respond in a timely manner.

Commissioner Pongracz express her concern that the company had not begun the process of notifying customers for the tentative March 21 Consumer Session. As a result, a new date of April 5 has been set for the consumer session. Tentatively, it will be 6:00 pm at the Spring Creek High School. The company will send out notices in the customers' normal bills saving the cost of a separate mailing.

The main purpose of this conference is to set the procedural schedule. The following are the key dates agreed in the pre-conference.

- May 10: Staff/BCP/SCA direct testimony due
- May 31: GBWC rebuttal testimony due
- June 11-13: Hearing dates
- Staff/BCP/SCA will have 5 business days to respond to discovery requests beginning on May 10 to ensure all parties have adequate time to prepare for the rebuttal testimony and the hearing.

Staff and the BCP have already begun the discovery process. SCA can now begin this process. Brorby Consulting, LLC in conjunction with the SCA President will begin preparation of discovery questions to submit to GBWC. Brorby Consulting, LLC will approach Staff and BCP to potentially discuss the items they are pursuing or focusing on.

GBWC has already submitted 12 amendments to their original filing. The Commissioner asked if additional amendments might be filed and was told not at this time. She asked if any are submitted that the documents be in a re-line format to readily understand any changes or additions.

The pre-hearing conference was continued to a date to be determined in late April or early May. It was continued in case the parties have an interest in settling the case prior to the hearing. If such discussions take place, SCA will have a seat at the table.