No. 143, Original

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, Plaintiff,

v.

STATE OF TENNESSEE, CITY OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, AND MEMPHIS LIGHT, GAS & WATER DIVISION, Defendants.

ORDER ON PROCEDURE AND SCHEDULE FOR CLOSING ARGUMENTS

After reviewing the parties' joint proposal on procedure and schedule for closing arguments, Dkt. No. 121, the undersigned adopts the following plan in preparation for closing arguments in this matter:

A. Procedure

- 1. Closing arguments shall proceed as follows:
 - (1) Mississippi: 60-minute argument, with 10-minute rebuttal.
 - (2) Defendants: 60-minute argument, split at Defendants' discretion, with no rebuttal.

B. Schedule

The hearing shall be held on February 25, 2020, beginning at 9:00
 a.m. (Central Standard Time) at the United States Bankruptcy

Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, at Nashville, in a courtroom to be designated later.

2. The general schedule for the day of closing arguments shall proceed as follows:

• 9:00-10:00: Mississippi Closing Argument

• 10:00-10:15: Morning Recess

• 10:15-11:20: Defendants' Closing Arguments (accounting for five-minute break between arguments)

• 11:20-11:35 Break

• 11:35-11:45: Mississippi Rebuttal

3. The parties may raise any preliminary matters with the undersigned prior to closing arguments.

C. Use of Courtroom Audio and Video Equipment

1. The parties have indicated that they intend to use courtroom audio and video equipment to present exhibits during closing arguments.

Counsel should contact information technology staff, as directed by the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee, with any issues relating to audio or visual equipment. Counsel may also contact the Clerk for the Middle District of Tennessee to schedule a time to test audio or visual equipment prior to closing arguments.

IT IS SO ORDERED, THIS 28 DAY OF OCTOBER, 2019.

Hon. Eugene E. Siler, Jr.

Special Master

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