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***Arbuckle-Simpson Prehearing Conference
And Formal Hearing Scheduled***

Formal proceedings on the first groundwater application to take water from the Arbuckle-Simpson basin have been scheduled by Judge Stewart Hunter. Judge Hunter, former District Court Judge and retired Judge of Court of Civil Appeals, has been assigned to the William H. and Betty Ann Clark groundwater application proceedings to replace previously-assigned Judge Don Barnes. (Judge Barnes was in an automobile accident in September 2002, and his rehabilitation schedule makes it difficult to conduct hearings outside Oklahoma City.)

Judge Hunter has ordered a Prehearing Conference, scheduled for April 10, 2003, and will make rulings on several prehearing motions. An evidentiary hearing is scheduled for May 21, 2003. Both proceedings will be held in the Fletcher Auditorium at Murray State College in Tishomingo, OK, at 9:00 a.m.

A copy of Judge Hunter's formal order is available on the agency's web site at www.owrb.state.ok.us. Copies of the order are also available at public libraries in Ada, Davis, Pauls Valley, Sulphur, and Tishomingo.