STATE OF MISSOURI MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Missouri-American) Water Company's Tariff to Revise) (Water and Sewer Rate Schedules)

Case No. WR-2003-0500

COMMENTS ON PROPOSED PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE BY AG PROCESSING INC, A COOPERATIVE AND CITY OF RIVERSIDE

The Office of Public Counsel has filed a proposed schedule concerning public hearings in this matter. Public Counsel correctly requested that AGP and City of Riverside joined in that request. However, since that proposed schedule was filed the Missouri Supreme Court has scheduled oral argument on a matter involving both counsel for AGP and counsel for City of Riverside on September 10. This setting will require counsel's presence in Jefferson City that day and would prevent them attending the public hearings in both St. Joseph and Riverside on the September 10 date proposed by Public Counsel.

Accordingly, these parties would suggest that another date be sought for those public hearings. It would be desirable to have the hearing in Riverside and the hearing in St. Joseph on the same day to facilitate movement of personnel. We could respectfully recommend September 17 as a date that could work from our perspective. Undersigned counsel for City of Riverside believes that he could arrange access to the City Hall in Riverside for the meeting. We do not have other dates to recommend at this point but would suggest that the hearings be held as prompt-^{57339.1} ly as possible after the original date sugested by Public Counsel.

These comments are filed after consultation with Ms.

O'Neil, attorney for Public Counsel who is aware of the conflict noted above.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing pleading on each of the persons on the attached sheet either by e-mail, facsimile or by postage-paid U.S. mail.

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