

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)
Missouri-American Water Company and)
Aqua Missouri, Inc., Aqua Development, Inc. and)
Aqua/RU, Inc. d/b/a Aqua Missouri, Inc. for) **File No. WO-2011-0168**
Authority for Missouri-American Water Company)
to Acquire Certain Assets of Aqua Missouri, Inc.,)
Aqua Development, Inc. and Aqua/RU, Inc. d/b/a)
Aqua Missouri, Inc. and, in Connection Therewith,)
Certain Other Related Other Transactions.)

STAFF REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and requests that the Missouri Public Service Commission (“the Commission”) extend until February 25, 2011, the date upon which Staff must its recommendation in this matter. In support of this request, Staff states as follows:

1. On December 13, 2010, Missouri-American Water Company (“MAWC”) and Aqua Missouri, Inc., Aqua Development, Inc., and Aqua/RU, Inc. d/b/a Aqua Missouri, Inc., (collectively referred to hereinafter as “Aqua Missouri”) filed two applications seeking Commission authority of a proposed transaction whereby MAWC will acquire most of the Missouri jurisdictional assets of Aqua Missouri. These matters have been consolidated into File No. WO-2011-0168.

2. On December 16, 2010, the Commission issued orders directing Staff to file its recommendation regarding this transaction no later than January 25, 2011.

3. Staff is currently investigating the financial, technical, and economic implications of the proposed transaction. Among other items, this investigation requires Staff to examine the books and records of Aqua Missouri in order to evaluate the extent of any acquisition premium

that MAWC may or may not incur as a result of this transaction. This is a time consuming task and given Staff's current caseload this evaluation cannot be completed by January 25, 2011.

WHEREFORE, Staff requests that the Commission extend until February 25, 2011, the date upon which Staff must file its recommendation in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 21st day of January, 2011.

/s/ ERIC DEARMONT