

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

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water Company's     )  
Request for Authority to Implement A General Rate     )     **Case No. WR-2011-0337**  
Increase for Water and Sewer Service Provided in     )  
Missouri Service Areas.     )

**NOTICE REGARDING EXTRA-RECORD COMMUNICATION**

Issue Date: May 10, 2011

On May 9, 2011, I received the attached correspondence from Alan Ratermann by email.

Respectfully submitted,



Kevin D. Gunn, Chairman

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 10th day of May, 2011.

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## **Needed information**

The Utility Workers Union Local 335 thanks the Missouri Public Service Commission for its recent ruling to disclose the salaries of the officers of Missouri-American Water Company. The company has been getting regular rate increases over the last several years, but its position is that there is no benefit to the public in making salary information available.

In his reply, Kevin Thompson, the PSC's chief counsel, said that MAWC "is a monopoly provider of a necessity of life to its ratepayers and therefore the public granted and sustains the monopoly enjoyed by MAWC and, moreover, sets the rates for its services. Consequently, according to staff counsel, withholding the information from the public can only result in an erosion of public trust."

The company is seeking to outsource our good union jobs in St. Louis County to non-union contractors. It will be interesting to see how graciously they are rewarding themselves on the backs of their dedicated proud union workers.

Al Ratermann • St. Louis County Vice President, UWUA Local 335

## **American examination**

The editorial "Law Day" (May 2) was a timely reminder that the legal profession must uphold the proud tradition of defending the rights of sometimes unpopular clients — whether they be the British soldiers involved in the Boston Massacre or detainees held at Guantanamo Bay — and demonstrate zero tolerance for lawyers who become complicit in any detainee abuse, including torture.

The legal profession is not the only one that needs to investigate the actions of its members. Late last year, we established a bipartisan Task Force on Detainee Treatment to investigate the detainee policies and practices of the current and past two administrations. In addition to several lawyers, including a former ABA president, we are proud to count former Republican and Democratic members of Congress and other government officials, doctors, judges and academics as participants. To ensure that America can move forward with detainee treatment policies that we can be proud of, we all have a role to play.

Virginia Sloan • Washington, D.C. President, The Constitution Project

## **Free will**

Tom Gunn says in his commentary "Malice toward none, and justice for all" (May 5) that the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is "clinging to an ancient and superstitious concept