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**RE: Missouri-American Water Company,
Case No. WR-2000-281 et al.**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced case, please find the original and 8 copies of **Request for Extension to Comply with Order Directing Filing**. Please "file stamp" the extra enclosed copy and return it to this office. I have on this date mailed, faxed, or hand-delivered the appropriate number of copies to all counsel of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

John B. Coffman
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cc: Counsel of record

Enclosure

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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In the Matter of the Missouri-American)
Water Company's tariff sheets designed)
to implement general rate increases for)
water and sewer service provided to)
customers on the Missouri service area of)
the company.)

Case No. WR-2000-281, et. al.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION TO COMPLY WITH
ORDER DIRECTING FILING

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and for its Request for Extension to Comply with Order Directing Filing states as follows:

1. Public Counsel has been diligently working to comply with the late-filed exhibit requested by the Commission on August 8, 2000 in its Order Directing Filing in this case. Public Counsel has substantially complied with the request for the revenue requirement calculation that was requested and has been collaborating with other parties to ensure that the Commission has useful information that can be used to compare and contrast opposing revenue requirement positions. Of course, the value of certain issues cannot be quantified in isolation and values will vary depending on the manner in which other issues are resolved as a result of the interrelationship between various issues.

2. With regard to the rate impact information requested by the Commission, Public Counsel is still developing this part of its exhibit. Certain information regarding usage levels by class by district, which are required to complete Public Counsel's exhibit, was just received by Public Counsel today.

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3. Various circumstances may impede Public Counsel's ability to timely comply with the Commission's Order Directing Filing. Public Counsel's Chief Public Utility Accountant has been unavailable due to certain health-related emergencies in his family. Public Counsel is also scheduled to physically move the location of its office to the Governor Building on August 16, 2000, and the preparations for this move have created logistical challenges.

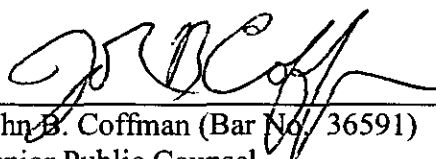
4. Public Counsel will work to comply with the Commission's request as expeditiously as possible and will file any portion of the requested exhibit that is ready in a timely manner. However, it is likely that Public Counsel will be unable to fully comply with the Commission's Order Directing Filing for a few more days.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully requests permission from this Commission to extend the deadline for filing the requested late-filed exhibit until August 21, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

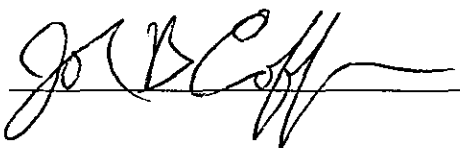
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing document has been either faxed, mailed, or hand-delivered to the counsel of record on the attached list on this 14th day of August, 2000.



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