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

| In the Matter of Missouri-American Water Company's | ) |                       |
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| 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: January 6, 2012

On January 6, 2012, I received the attached correspondence from Representative Randy Asbury by US Mail.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin D. Gunn, Chairman

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012.

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January 3, 2012

The Honorable Kevin Gunn Missouri Public Service Commission 200 Madison Street, PO Box 360 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

RE: Missouri American Water Rate Case

Dear Chairman Gunn,

I represent the City of Brunswick, Missouri, which is a small, rural community in Chariton County. The City of Brunswick's population declined by 9.6 percent in the 2010 Census and their per capita median income in 2009 was \$16,371.

In addition, the Chariton County population declined by 7.2 percent from 2000 to 2010. The percentage of the residents living below the poverty line in 2009 was 14.6 percent and the median household income for 2009 was \$39,819. The State's average income is \$45,149. I provide these statistics as a basis for the importance of providing this community with affordable water rates.

Missouri American has done a good job improving the water quality in Brunswick over the past few months; however, their water rates remains higher than neighboring communities and higher than other towns in Missouri American's system. In recent months, Brunswick voters have approved a bond issue to build their own supply and distribution system to address this issue.

I believe a simpler and more affordable solution can be found in Missouri American Waters' request to implement a single tariff rate plan. I have spoken with Brunswick Mayor Joe Moser who supports this measure as an answer to their water concerns. Consequently, I support Missouri American's request for a single tariff rate plan. I encourage you to approve that request to the benefit of the citizens of Brunswick.

Sincerely,

Representative Randy Asbury

cc: City of Brunswick Mayor Joe Moser