

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

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water)	
Company for Authority to Issue up to)	Case No. WF-2017-0349
\$180,000,000 of Long-Term,)	
Unsecured Debt)	

MAWC’S RESPONSE TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW Missouri-American Water Company (“MAWC” or “Company”) and for its Response to Staff Recommendation, states to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) as follows:

1. On June 28, 2017, MAWC filed with the Commission an application for authority to issue up to \$180,000,000 of long-term, unsecured debt.
2. On June 30, 2017, the Commission directed Staff to file its recommendation on the Company’s financing Application by July 31, 2017 which was later extended to August 4, 2017 at the request of Staff.
3. On August 4, 2017, Staff filed its Recommendation which, among other things, recommended that the Company’s Application be approved with conditions as defined in Staff’s *Memorandum*, which was attached to Staff’s Recommendation as Appendix A.
4. Having reviewed the Staff Recommendation, MAWC is in general agreement with Staff’s conclusion. The Company notes that, while it does not necessarily agree with the Staff’s underlying reasoning in all instances, MAWC does not oppose the Recommended Conditions proposed by Staff on page 4 of its *Memorandum* and the Company does not request a hearing in this matter.

WHEREFORE, Missouri-American Water Company submits this Response to Staff's Recommendation for the Commission's consideration in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been sent by electronic mail this 4th day of August, 2017, to:

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