

**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) **File No. WR-2011-0337**
Increase for Water and Sewer Service Provided in)
Missouri Service Areas)

**CITY OF JOPLIN'S RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF
NONCOMPLIANCE AND ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

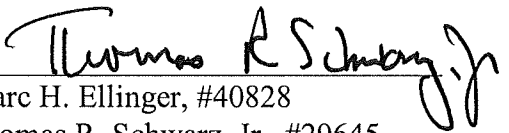
COMES NOW counsel for the City of Joplin, and in response to the Commission's Notice of Noncompliance and Order to Show Cause, states as follows:

1. Counsel apologizes to the Commission and to the other parties for his breach of Commission rules and professional courtesy in failing to advise the Commission that he would not be attending the July 28, 2011, early pre-hearing conference in the above-captioned matter.
2. The undersigned failed to properly calendar the pre-hearing conference, and has now got the matter properly calendared and advised support staff to monitor his compliance.
3. The City of Joplin continues to have an interest in this matter as franchiser of Missouri American Water for its service within the limits of the City of Joplin.

WHEREFORE, the City of Joplin asks the Commission to excuse its failure to appear at the July 28, 2011, pre-hearing conference.

Respectfully submitted,

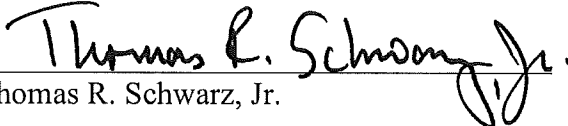
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that true copies of the foregoing City of Joplin's Response to Notice of Noncompliance and Order to Show Cause were sent to each of the following parties of record via electronic transmission this 8th day of August, 2011:

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