

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

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water)
Company’s Request for Authority to Implement)
General Rate Increase for Water and Sewer)
Service Provided in Missouri Service Areas.) **File Nos. WR-2022-0303**

MAWC’S NOTICE REGARDING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

COMES NOW Missouri-American Water Company (“MAWC”) and its notice regarding local public hearings (“LPHs”) in this matter. In support, MAWC respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”):

1. On August 17, 2022, the Commission issued an *Order Setting Procedural Schedule* which included that local public hearings in this case would begin January 18 and end January 31, 2023.
2. On September 7, the Commission issued an *Order Directing Filing* (“September 7th Order) stated, in part, that MAWC and the Staff of the Commission (“Staff”) shall file suggestions regarding local public hearings no later than September 22, 2022.
3. On September 22, 2022, Staff, MAWC and the City of St. Joseph filed responses to the September 7th Order regarding each party’s positions on local public hearings in this case.
4. At the Commission’s agenda on November 9, 2022, the Commission discussed this matter and indicated a preference for an equal split of in-person and virtual local public hearings.
5. On November 17, 2022, the parties communicated via email with the Regulatory Law Judge presiding in this case who indicated that they were awaiting confirmation of locations for the in-person local public hearings.
6. To date, there is no order on the specific dates, locations and which local public hearings will be held virtually. The Company understands the difficulty in establishing suitable

locations. However, the Company is required to provide ten days' notice to its customers and is growing more concerned that it may not be able to meet that due to the busy holiday mail season, supply issues and logistical planning it takes to provide these notices, which may make it difficult, if not impossible, to meet the requirements of the notice.

WHEREFORE, MAWC respectfully informs the Commission of potential delays in notifying the customers of the dates, times and information required to be included in the notice to customers regarding the local public hearings and asks the Commission to provide dates or in the alternative, provide waiver of the requirement for ten day notice as needed based on timing and any other relief the Commission deems appropriate.

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 to all counsel of record this 9th day of December, 2022.

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