

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

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| In the Matter of the Joint Application of      | ) |                       |
| Missouri-American Water Company and both       | ) |                       |
| Osage Water Company and Environmental          | ) |                       |
| Utilities, L.L.C. for Authority for Missouri-  | ) |                       |
| American Water Company to acquire the water    | ) | Case No. WO-2005-0086 |
| and sewer assets of both entities, and for the | ) | Case No. SO-2005-0087 |
| transfer to Missouri-American Water Company of | ) |                       |
| Certificates of Convenience and Necessity to   | ) |                       |
| continue operation of such assets as Water and | ) |                       |
| Sewer Corporations regulated by the Missouri   | ) |                       |
| Public Service Commission.                     | ) |                       |

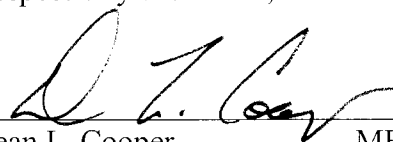
**STATEMENT CONCERNING STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

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

1. On November 15, 2004, a Staff Recommendation was filed in this case. Two days thereafter, on November 17, 2004, a prehearing conference was held.
2. During the prehearing conference, MAWC indicated to the parties that MAWC was not in agreement with the Staff Recommendation and that it needed additional information concerning some aspects of the Recommendation. Discussions about these matters are ongoing.
3. MAWC files this pleading for the sole purpose of providing a record of its disagreement with the Staff Recommendation.

WHEREFORE, MAWC requests the Commission note MAWC’s disagreement with the terms and conditions reflected in the Staff Recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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