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

In the Matter of the Small Company Rate	)	Case No. SR-2005-0116
Increase Request of Mill Creek Sewers, Inc.	)	

## MAWC'S STATEMENT OF NON-INTEREST

COMES NOW Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC or Company), and, in response to the Order Adding Parties, states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission):

- 1. On September 16, 2005, the Commission issued its Order Adding Parties. That Order made the Department of Natural Resources, the Missouri Attorney General and MAWC parties to this case. Among other things, the Order stated that "it has come to the Commission's attention that . . . [MAWC has] an interest in this matter."
- 2. Based upon the Commission's recent discussion, MAWC assumes that it is viewed as a potential purchaser of the Mill Creek sewer system. Indeed, MAWC has had the opportunity to inspect this system and to review certain financial information related to the system.
- 3. Unfortunately, MAWC must inform the Commission that it is not interested in purchasing the Mill Creek system. This non-interest is based upon several factors. First, the system appears to be landlocked within the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District. Second, the system is extremely small (approximately 76 customers) and appears to lack potential for growth. Lastly, the economics, to include the need for investment in improvements, are such that it is unlikely to ever be profitable as a standalone system.

WHEREFORE, MAWC respectfully requests that the Commission consider this Statement of Non-Interest.

Respectfully submitted,

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