

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Missouri-)	
American Water Company and Aqua Missouri,)	
Inc., Aqua Development, Inc. And Aqua/RU, Inc.)	
d/b/a Aqua Missouri, Inc. for Authority for)	Case No. WO-2011-0168 and
Missouri-American Water Company to Acquire)	Case No. SO-2011-0169
Certain Assets of Aqua Missouri, Inc., Aqua)	
Development, Inc. and Aqua/RU, Inc. d/b/a Aqua)	
Missouri, Inc. and, in connection therewith, Certain)	
Other Related Transactions.)	

**JOINT APPLICANTS' RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COUNSEL'S
REQUEST FOR ORDER DIRECTING CUSTOMER NOTICE**

COME NOW Joint Applicants Missouri American Water Company (MAWC), Aqua Missouri, Inc., Aqua Development, Inc., and Aqua/RU, Inc., by and through counsel, and for their response to Public Counsel's Request for Order Directing Customer Notice, state as follows:

1. Public Counsel, while acknowledging that upon acceptance of the acquisition by the Commission that the rates, rules and regulations will not be modified until notice is given and an appropriate matter is filed before the Public Service Commission, asserts that notice should be sent to the customers of the impending transaction.

2. Public Counsel's request would entail additional cost to Joint Applicants in the approximate amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) if such notices are sent as an enclosure in the regular bills sent to customers. If separate notice is required to be given, the cost will be above and beyond that amount. In either event, the notice would entail unnecessary delay of this matter.

3. The Commission has previously ordered that notice be provided in the following manner by its Data Center and Public Information Office:

- a. The Commission's Data Center was to transmit the Commission's Notice and Order, with a copy of the Application, to the County Clerk of each county potentially impacted; and
- b. The Commission's Public Information Office was to make the Notice and Order available to the members of the General Assembly representing the residents of each affected county, and to the news media serving the residents.

The notice that has already been provided by the Commission should be sufficient in this case given that there are no changes to rates or rules being proposed by MAWC.

4. The resolution of this matter should not be pended or delayed, as suggested in Paragraph 5 of Public Counsel's request, but instead the matter should be proceeded upon as expeditiously as possible to move the transaction forward and allow the transition to take place for the benefit of all concerned.

WHEREFORE, Joint Applicants respectfully request the Commission deny Public Counsel's request for an order directing consumer notice.

Respectfully submitted,

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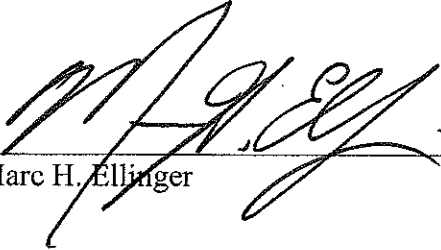
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing Joint Applicants' Response to Public Counsel's Request for Order Directing Customer Notice was served by electronic transmission on the 3rd day of January, 2011, on the following parties of record:

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