

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

In the matter of the Petition of	)	
Missouri-American Water Company for	)	CASE NO.
Approval to Change its Infrastructure	)	
System Replacement Surcharge (ISRS).	)	

**MAWC's PETITION TO CHANGE ITS  
INFRASTRUCTURE SYSTEM REPLACEMENT SURCHARGE**

COMES NOW Missouri-American Water Company ("MAWC"), pursuant to Sections 393.1000, 393.1003 and 393.1006 RSMo; 4 CSR 240-2.060(1), and 4 CSR 240-3.650 and for its Petition respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

**BACKGROUND**

1. Sections, 393.1000, 393.1003 and 393.1006 and Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.650 provide eligible water corporations with the ability to recover certain infrastructure system replacement costs outside of a formal rate case filing via an Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge ("ISRS"). A petition must be filed with the Commission for review and approval before an adjustment can be made to a water corporation's rates and charges to provide for the recovery of the costs associated with eligible infrastructure system replacements.

**THE APPLICANT**

2. MAWC is a Missouri corporation with its principal office and place of business at 727 Craig Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63141. MAWC is a Missouri corporation in good standing. A Certificate of Good Standing from the Office of the Missouri

Secretary of State was filed in Commission Case No. WM-2001-309 and is hereby incorporated by reference in accordance with Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.060 (1)(G). MAWC currently provides water service to the public in and around the cities of St. Joseph, Joplin, Brunswick, Mexico, Warrensburg, Parkville, Riverside, Jefferson City, and parts of St. Charles, Platte, Warren and Lincoln Counties Missouri, and most all of St. Louis County, Missouri. MAWC currently provides water service to approximately 459,000 customers. MAWC provides sewer service to approximately 1,000 customers near Parkville, Cedar Hill and Warren County, Missouri. MAWC is a “water corporation” and a “public utility” as those terms are defined in Section 386.020 and 393.1000 (7) RSMo. 2000, and is subject to the jurisdiction and supervision of the Commission as provided by law. Other than cases that have been docketed at the Commission, MAWC has no pending action or final unsatisfied judgments against it from any state or federal agency or court within the past three (3) years that involve customer service. MAWC has no annual report or assessment fees that are overdue.

3. Communications in regard to this Application should be addressed to:

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### **THE ISRS REQUEST**

4. MAWC, per this petition, requests an adjustment to its rates and charges through a change to its ISRS rate schedule to provide for the recovery of costs for infrastructure system replacements and relocations eligible for ISRS recognition. The proposed ISRS rate schedule should reflect the appropriate pre-tax ISRS revenues necessary to produce net operating income equal to MAWC's weighted cost of capital multiplied by the net original cost of the requested infrastructure replacements which are eligible for the ISRS, including recognition of accumulated deferred income taxes and accumulated depreciation associated with the aforesaid infrastructure system replacements. MAWC also seeks to recover all state, federal and local income or excise taxes applicable to such ISRS income and to recover all other ISRS costs such as depreciation expense and property taxes due within 12 months of this filing.
5. The infrastructure system replacements for which MAWC seeks ISRS recognition are set forth on Appendix "A", which is attached hereto and made a part hereof for all purposes. The infrastructure system replacements listed on Appendix "A" are either; a)mains and associated valves and hydrants installed as replacements

for existing facilities that have worn out or were in a deteriorated condition; or, b) a main cleaning and/or relining project; or, c) Infrastructure facility relocations due to the construction or improvement of a highway, road, street, public way or other public work required by or on behalf of the United States, the State of Missouri, a political subdivision of the State of Missouri, or another entity having the power of eminent domain. All installations and associated retirements for the construction projects included in this ISRS were performed by Company construction personnel. Thus no Request for Proposal (RFP) was necessary. The Appendix also provides the ISRS information by Task Order (work order) and identifies and sub-totals facility relocations on behalf the State of Missouri, on behalf of a political subdivision of the State of Missouri, on behalf of the United States and on behalf of an entity other than the United States, State of Missouri or a political subdivision of the State of Missouri. Customers affected by the proposed ISRS benefit from the ISRS projects because 1) the program accelerates the replacement of aging water mains, 2) reduces the frequency of water service interruptions and 3) improves service reliability.

6. The infrastructure system replacements listed on Appendix “A” are eligible for ISRS treatment as they are water utility plant projects that: a) replace and/or extend the useful life of existing infrastructure; b) currently are in service and used and useful (provides date in service); c) did not increase revenues by directly connecting to new customers since all ISRS projects represented replacements of existing facilities or relocations of existing facilities; and d) were not included in MAWC’s rate base in its most recently completed general rate case.

7. The infrastructure system replacements listed on Appendix “A” for which ISRS recognition is requested, were performed within the boundaries of St. Louis County, Missouri. St. Louis County, Missouri has a charter form of government and is inhabited by more than one million people.
8. MAWC had its last general rate proceeding decided by Commission Order issued on April 16, 2004, effective April 21, 2004 in Case No. WR-2003-0500.
9. This Petition is MAWC’s request to change the existing ISRS as established in Case No. WO-2004-0116. The current ISRS rates were set to zero as a result of the Commission’s Final Order in Case No. WR-2003-0500.
10. Attached hereto as Appendix “B” is the list of infrastructure retirements and related annual depreciation expense associated with the retirements. This Appendix provides the date of original installation for the retired asset along with the original cost and the date the asset was removed from service.
11. Attached hereto as Appendix “C” is the proposed rate schedule and supporting documents proposed by MAWC in order to change the established ISRS and to provide for the adjustment of its rates and charges to reflect recovery of eligible infrastructure costs. This proposed rate schedule, on an annualized basis, will produce ISRS revenues of \$4,992,415 or an increase of 3.1% based on the base

revenue level approved by the Commission in its most recently completed general rate proceeding. The proposed rate schedule (2<sup>nd</sup> Revised Sheet No. RT 18.0) does not change the current ISRS surcharge rate for Rate J Customers. In the stipulation in Case No. WR-2003-0500, the Company agreed to not seek to recover any infrastructure replacement costs attributable to its Rate J customers through an ISRS until the date rates become effective in the Company's next general rate case.

12. In determining the appropriate pre-tax ISRS revenues, the proposed rate schedule utilizes current state and federal income tax rates of 6.25% and 35%, respectively. These rates represent the current statutory rates.

13. In determining the appropriate pre-tax ISRS revenues, the proposed rate schedule utilizes the stipulated regulatory capital structure and return which reflects an overall rate of return of 7.70% as determined by the Commission for MAWC during its most recently completed general rate proceeding and is reflected on page three of the Stipulation and Agreement as to Revenue Requirement. Refer to Appendix D.

14. In determining the appropriate pre-tax ISRS revenues, the proposed rate schedule utilizes a weighted cost rate for debt of 3.40% as determined by the Commission for MAWC during its most recently completed general rate proceeding and is

reflected on page three of the Stipulation and Agreement as to Revenue Requirement. Refer to Appendix D.

15. In determining the appropriate pre-tax ISRS revenues, the proposed rate schedule utilizes a weighted cost rate for preferred stock of 0.39% as determined by the Commission for MAWC during its most recently completed general rate proceeding and is reflected on page three of the Stipulation and Agreement as to Revenue Requirement. Refer to Appendix D.

16. In determining the appropriate pre-tax ISRS revenues, the proposed rate schedule utilizes a weighted cost of common equity of 3.91% as determined by the Commission for MAWC during its most recently completed general rate proceeding and is reflected on page three of the Stipulation and Agreement as to Revenue Requirement. Refer to Appendix D.

17. In determining the appropriate pre-tax ISRS revenues, the proposed rate schedule applies a current composite property tax rate of 1.1424% to the aforelisted eligible infrastructure system replacements in St. Louis County, Missouri. The property tax rate is based on the current 2005 actual property tax bills. Refer to page four of Appendix C.

18. In determining the appropriate pre-tax ISRS revenues, the proposed rate schedule utilizes depreciation rates currently applicable to the aforelisted eligible

infrastructure system replacements in St. Louis County, Missouri as determined by the Commission in Case No. WR-2003-0500.

19. In determining the appropriate pre-tax ISRS revenues, the proposed rate schedule utilizes customer class billing determinants as utilized in designing the rates for the St. Louis County district during MAWC's most recently completed rate proceeding.
20. In determining the appropriate pre-tax ISRS revenues, the proposed rate schedule identifies the classes of customers benefited by the aforesaid eligible water utility plant projects.
21. In determining the appropriate pre-tax ISRS revenues, the proposed rate schedule utilizes the customer class cost-of-service study recognized by the Commission for the St. Louis County district during Case No. WR-2001-0844. The Company's last rate case, Case No. WR-2003-0500 resulted in a stipulation with no adjustments to the base rates for the St. Louis County district. Therefore, the class cost-of-service study from Case No. WR-2001-0844 was used in this ISRS case to determine the recovery by customer class of the appropriate pre-tax ISRS revenues. The proposed ISRS is being prorated between affected customer classes based on the class cost-of service study as indicated above. Refer to page six of Appendix C.



22. In determining the appropriate pre-tax ISRS revenues, the proposed rate schedule utilizes the rate design methodology recognized by the Commission for the St. Louis County district during Case No. WR-2001-0844. The Company's last rate case, Case No. WR-2003-0500, resulted in a stipulation with no adjustments to St. Louis County's base rates. Therefore, the class cost-of-service study from Case No. WR-2001-0844 was used in this ISRS case to determine the recovery by customer class of the appropriate pre-tax ISRS revenues. Refer to page six of Appendix C.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

23. MAWC will provide within 20 days of the filing of this Petition an initial (one-time) informational brochure (bill insert) to be distributed to its customers with the initial bills containing the Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge (ISRS).
24. MAWC will also distribute an annual notice to affected customers each year that an ISRS is in effect explaining the continuation of its infrastructure system replacement program and the resulting ISRS surcharge. An example of this notice will be provided to the Commission within 20 days of the filing of this Petition.
25. The ISRS charge will be clearly identified on the customer's billing statement. It will appear as a separate charge under ISRS. An example customer bill showing

how the ISRS will be described on customers' bills will be provided to the Commission within 20 days of the filing of this Petition.

MAWC will post information on its website to inform customers of the ISRS. The information on this page of the website will reflect the information provided in the bill insert referenced in Paragraph 23 of this Petition. The ISRS information will be posted to the Company's website upon the ISRS charge appearing on customer's bills. Refer to Appendix E for an example of the information to be included on the website.

26. Instructions and talking points regarding the ISRS that will be provided to personnel at MAWC's call center will be based upon the information provided in the bill insert referenced in Paragraph 23 of this Petition. Refer to Appendix F for a list of the instructions to be provided to personnel at MAWC's Call Center.

WHEREFORE, pursuant to 393.1006.2 (3) Applicant respectfully requests the Commission provide notice of this filing in accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.650(7) and , thereafter, issue an Order - and approve any implementing tariff sheets - bearing an effective date of no later than May 3, 2006, authorizing:

- a) The Applicant to recover the cost of eligible infrastructure system replacement (as listed on Appendix "A") per a change to MAWC's ISRS. This ISRS recognition to be accomplished via an adjustment to MAWC's

rates and charges by reflecting the appropriate pre-tax ISRS revenues necessary to produce net operating income equal to MAWC's weighted cost of capital multiplied by the net original cost of the requested infrastructure replacements which are eligible for the ISRS, including recognition of accumulated deferred income taxes and accumulated depreciation associated with the aforesaid infrastructure system replacements; and,

- b) Granting such other relief as may be necessary and appropriate to accomplish the purposes of Sections 393.1000 through 393.1006, RSMo.

Respectfully Submitted,

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I hereby certify that two, true and correct copies of the above and foregoing document was sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or hand delivered on this 3rd day of January, 2006, to:

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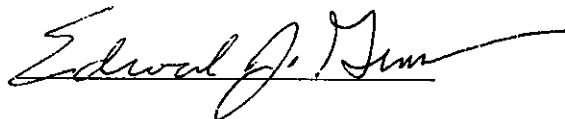
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I, Edward J. Grubb, state that I am an Assistant Treasurer for Missouri-American Water Company ("MAWC"), that I have read the above and foregoing document; that the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my information, knowledge and belief; and, that I am authorized to make this statement on behalf of MAWC.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2005.

  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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