

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

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water	)	
Company for Authority (1) Issue up to	)	
\$200,000,000 of Unsecured Long-Term	)	
Debt and (2) to Issue and sell Additional	)	Case No. WF-2007-0279
Common Stock to, or Receive Additional	)	
Paid-in Capital from Its Parent Company in an	)	
Aggregate Amount up to \$105,000,000	)	

**MISSOURI-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY'S RESPONSE CONCERNING
STAFF'S JANUARY 23, 2009 RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW Missouri-American Water Company (hereinafter the "Company") and states the following:

1. On January 23, 2009, Staff filed its Recommendation (the "Recommendation") regarding the Company's motion for a second supplemental order in the referenced case. Staff's Recommendation contains its view that the authority granted in the Commission's April 5, 2007 Order Granting Financing Application expired as of near end 2008. Staff nevertheless recommends that the Commission grant an extension of time from December 31, 2008 to March 31, 2009.

2. To the extent the Commission concurs with Staff's view that the authority granted in original financing order in this case contains an implicit time limitation of December 31, 2008, the Company has no objection to Staff's Recommendation that the Commission extend the financing authorization through March 31, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was electronically transmitted, sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered, on this 26th day of January, 2009, to:

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