BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Missouri-American Water Company for Authority to Issue up to \$350,000,000 of Long-Term, Unsecured Debt

Case No. WF-2019-0206

MAWC'S RESPONSE TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW Missouri-American Water Company ("MAWC" or "Company") and for its Response to Staff Recommendation, states to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as follows:

1. On January 10, 2019, MAWC filed with the Commission an application for authority to issue up to \$350,000,000 of long-term, unsecured debt (the "Application").

2. On January 11, 2019, the Commission directed Staff to file its recommendation on the Company's Application by January 31, 2019 which was subsequently extended to March 20, 2019 at the request of Staff.

3. On March 20, 2019, Staff filed its Recommendation which, among other things, recommended that the Application be approved with conditions as defined in Staff's *Memorandum*, which was attached to Staff's Recommendation as Appendix A.

4. Having reviewed the Staff Recommendation, MAWC is in general agreement with Staff's Recommendation. The Company notes that, while it does not necessarily agree with the Staff's underlying reasoning in all instances, MAWC does not oppose the recommended conditions proposed by Staff on page 4 of its *Memorandum* and the Company does not request a hearing in this matter.

WHEREFORE, Missouri-American Water Company submits this Response to

Staff's Recommendation for the Commission's consideration in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been sent by electronic mail this 29th day of March, 2019, to:

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