

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

In the Matter of Missouri-American)
Water Company's Request for Authority to)
Implement a General Rate Increase for) Case Nos. WR-2015-0301
Water and Sewer Service Provided in) SR-2015-0302
Missouri Service Areas)
)

**CITY OF ST. JOSEPH'S MOTION TO BE EXCUSED FROM PART OF THE
EVIDENTIARY HEARING**

COMES NOW the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, Intervenor herein, and files this Motion to be excused from part of the evidentiary hearing scheduled to begin March 14, 2016. The City of St. Joseph ("St. Joseph") states the following in support of its Motion:

1. St. Joseph filed an Application to Intervene pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075 and the Missouri Public Service Commission's ("Commission") *Order Suspending Tariff, Directing Notice, Setting Hearings and Directing Filings* ("Order") dated August 5, 2015.
2. The Commission granted St. Joseph's Application on September 9, 2015.
3. The Commission's Order scheduled the evidentiary hearing for March 14, 2016, to March 25, 2016.
4. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") filed the List of Issues, List and Order of Witnesses, Order of Opening Statements, and Order of Cross-Examination ("List") on March 10, 2016.
5. The List schedules a total of 47 issues to be heard at the evidentiary hearing.
6. The List schedules Issue 31, district consolidation, and Issue 32, rate design, for hearing on March 22, 2016.
7. St. Joseph's interests are directly related to the issues of district consolidation and rate design.
8. St. Joseph takes no position at this time regarding the other issues in this case as it believes its interest are adequately represented by the Office of Public Counsel, Staff and other Intervenor.
9. St. Joseph has a limited budget for legal services and must optimize its spending on those services.
10. Requiring St. Joseph to attend the entire hearing will cause St. Joseph to exceed its budget for legal services.
11. The List schedules St. Joseph's opening statement on March 22, 2016.

12. St. Joseph is willing to waive examination of witnesses testifying on issues not related to district consolidation or rate design.

WHEREFORE, the City of St. Joseph respectfully requests that the Commission excuse St. Joseph from the evidentiary hearing on the days when issues other than district consolidation and rate design are being heard.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served electronically or on this **11th day of March, 2016**, on the parties of record as set out on the official Service List maintained by the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission for this case.

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