

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

In the Matter of Missouri-American )  
Water Company's Request for )  
Authority to Implement General Rate )  
Increase for Water and Sewer )  
Service Provided in Missouri Service )  
Areas )

**File No. WR-2022-0303**

Missouri Office of Public Counsel v. )  
Public Service Commission of the )  
State of Missouri )

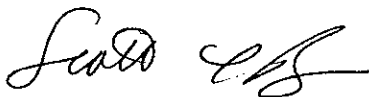
**File No. APWD85352**

**NOTICE OF EXTRA-RECORD COMMUNICATION**

**Issue Date:** August 10, 2022

This notice is being filed on behalf of Commissioner Scott T. Rupp and his advisor Alexander J. Antal, who received an email from Darrell Dechant, President of the Public Water Supply District #2 of St. Charles County. Since the letter could be considered an extra-record communication under Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.030, notice of the contact is hereby given.

Mr. Dechant wrote to express his concerns regarding some of Missouri-American Water Company's activities in St. Charles County, in which the Public Water Supply District #2 operates. This notice is given pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.030(2).



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Commissioner Scott T. Rupp,  
Missouri Public Service Commission

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

*/s/ Alexander Antal*

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Alexander Antal,  
Policy and Legal Advisor to Commissioner Rupp  
Missouri Public Service Commission

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2022.

## **Antal, Alexander**

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**From:** Darrell Dechant <ddechant@waterdistrict2.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 09, 2022 4:35 PM  
**To:** Rupp, Scott  
**Subject:** Fwd: Missouri American Water

Scott, thanks for the quick turnaround on my message and yes you provided me with the information I needed to go back to our legal counsel and the other PWSD Board of Directors regarding our next course of action in this matter.

Thank you and take care.

Darrell Dechant

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**From:** Rupp, Scott <Scott.Rupp@psc.mo.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 9, 2022 11:31 AM  
**To:** Darrell Dechant <ddechant@waterdistrict2.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Missouri American Water

Darrell:

It is great to hear from you. I hope summer has treated you well since we last saw each other at the Ambassadors meeting. In regards to MAWC, MAWC has a Commission approved service territory and rates for water service that MAWC is legally obligated to adhere to. I suggest you consult the PWSD's legal council on whether MAWC has violated any of these and if so, it would be appropriate to file a complaint against MAWC with the Missouri Public Service Commission if you so choose. I hope this was the guidance and information you were looking for.

Since MAWC has several open cases at the Public Service Commission, I am obligated to file a copy of our correspondence into those case files, as extraneous communication. Regardless of content, I have to file a notice of any communications I receive referencing a company in which there are open cases on which I will have to rule in the future.

I hope our paths cross again soon!

All my best,

Scott Rupp

Sent from my iPad

On Aug 8, 2022, at 8:03 AM, Darrell Dechant <ddechant@waterdistrict2.com> wrote:

Scott, good Morning. My name is Darrell Dechant and I am the President of the Public Water Supply District #2 of St. Charles County. We had previously made introductions at the Lake St. Louis Ambassador Group in Lake St. Louis, when you spoke to our group earlier this year.

The reason I am contacting you today is because of encroachment of Missouri American Water into our service area, specifically into the City of O'Fallon as well as the potential encroachment into the City of Wentzville.

Currently PWSD #2 has a contract to supply wholesale water to the City of O'Fallon at the rate of \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons for an average of 300,000 gallons per day. The City of O'Fallon on Thursday evening of this week, August 11th, will be considering Resolution #08 11 2022A to execute an agreement to purchase water from Missouri American at the wholesale rate of \$1.40 for a minimum of 400,000 gallons a day for a term of 10 years with yearly annual increases which will in time exceed the rate now being charged by PWSD #2.

The PWSD Board of Directors is concerned with this development and plans to pursue whatever administrative and legal remedies are available to us to prevent this attempt by Missouri American to provide artificially low water rates to stifle competitive. The District is now in the process of spending millions of dollars to beef up and provide redundancies in our water supply system to provide soft water from the Missouri River to both O'Fallon and the City of Wentzville.

At this point I just wanted to contact you to make you aware of this fact and that the City of O'Fallon has already been in contact with the City of Wentzville regarding the construction of an interconnect by Wentzville, to provide this same source of Missouri American Water to Wentzville. I am also asking for your advice on what steps our District needs to take to proceed with whatever administrative procedures and processes are available through the State of Missouri Public Service Commission, to make sure that these efforts by Missouri American do not ultimately resort in an uncompetitive market environment for providing water in our area.

Find below my contact information if you need any other information regarding this matter and thank you for your time in reviewing this information. Thank you.

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