BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION STATE OF MISSOURI

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

Case No. WR-2015-0301

<u>UWUA LOCAL 335'S MOTION TO BE FULLY EXCUSED</u> FROM EVDENTIARY HEARING

The Utility Workers Union of America, Local 335 (Union) files this Motion to be fully excused from the evidentiary hearing currently underway in this matter. The Union states the following in support of its Motion:

1. The Union previously filed a request to be excused from the evidentiary hearing on days in which its issues would not be heard on March 11, 2016.

2. The Commission issued an Order on March 11, 2016, excusing all parties from attending the evidentiary hearing "on days when issues are presented on which they do not intend to present evidence or cross-examine witnesses."

3. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) filed a Second Amended List of Issues, List and Order of Witnesses, Order of Opening Statements, and Order of Cross-Examination (List) on March 18, 2016.

4. The List schedules the "Union" issues, No. 47, for hearing on March 25, 2016, but notes as follows: "The Union issues will not be heard, but will be presented to the Commission for decision based on the prefiled testimony and written briefs."

5. Staff and Missouri American Water Company (MAWC) expressly agreed to waive live testimony and cross-examination on the Union issues. Staff and MAWC are the only parties that have

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taken a position with respect to the Union issues at this time.

6. All parties were notified of the agreement to waive live testimony on the Union issues through service of the Second Amended List. The Union is not aware of any objection to the agreement at the time of this filing.

7. The Union does not intend to take a position or cross-examine witnesses with respect to any of the other remaining issues in this matter.

Therefore, the Union respectfully requests that the Commission fully excuse the Union from attending the evidentiary hearing. The Union further requests that the Commission grant the Union to permission to present the Union issues for consideration based on prefiled testimony and post-hearing briefs.

RESPECTULLY SUBMITTED,

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Certificate of Service

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served on March 21, 2016, by United States mail, hand-deliver, email, or facsimile upon all parties by their attorneys of record as disclosed by the pleadings and orders herein.

/s/ Emily R. Perez