

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

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| In the Matter of Missouri-American Water |) | |
| Company's Request for Authority to Implement |) | <u>Case No. WR-2017-0285</u> |
| General Rate Increase for Water and Sewer |) | Case No. SR-2017-0286 |
| Service Provided in Missouri Service Areas. |) | |

MAWC'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

COMES NOW Missouri-American Water Company ("MAWC") and respectfully requests a one-day extension of time for the filing of position statements. In support of this request, MAWC states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

1. Pursuant to the *Order Scheduling Evidentiary Hearing and Setting Procedural Schedule* issued herein on September 6, 2017 ("September Procedural Order"), and the *Order Granting Motion for Extension* issued herein on February 14, 2018, the parties filed their joint list of issues, list and order of witnesses, order of opening, and order of cross examination on February 15, 2018, and engaged in extensive settlement discussions on February 15 and 16, 2018.

2. Pursuant to the September Procedural Order and the *Order Assigning Evidence Blocks and Directing Parties to Include Citations for Position Statements* issued herein on February 13, 2018, the parties are to file position statements, including citations to relevant law and pre-filed testimony, by February 20, 2018. The evidentiary hearing in this matter is scheduled to begin on February 26, 2018.

3. MAWC, with the non-objection of Staff, the Office of the Public Counsel, and certain other parties,¹ requests a one-day extension of time, moving the deadline for the filing of position

¹ This request was discussed at the Settlement Conference on February 16, 2018. All parties participating in the discussion stated their lack of objection to the Commission granting the request. The following parties were represented in the room: Staff, OPC, MIEC, MECG, the city of Riverside, the Public Water Supply Districts, the Missouri Division of Energy, Jefferson City, the city of St. Joseph, and Empire.

statements from February 20 to February 21, 2018.

4. MAWC understands the need for position statements to be filed enough in advance of the evidentiary hearing to allow the Judge, the Commissioners, and the Commissioners' Advisors time to review the filings and prepare for the hearing. This request is not being made to hinder or delay the process, but to allow MAWC and all parties time to continue with settlement discussions following the Presidents' Day holiday in an effort to reach amicable agreements and limit the contested issues for hearing before filing position statements.

WHEREFORE, MAWC respectfully requests a one-day extension of time for the filing of position statements in this matter.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing document was filed in EFIS on this 16th day of February, 2018, with notification of the same sent to all counsel of record.

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