

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)	
Missouri-American Water Company and)	
Roark Water & Sewer, Inc. for Authority)	
for Missouri-American Water Company)	File No. WO-2011-0213
to Acquire Certain Assets of Roark Water &)	
Sewer, Inc. and, in Connection Therewith,)	
Certain Other Related Transactions.)	

JOINT RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING

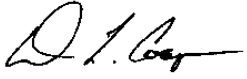
COME NOW Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC or Company); the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff); the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel); and, Roark Water & Sewer, Inc. (Roark), and respectfully state the following to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) in response to the Commission’s Order Directing Filing:

1. On April 14, 2011, the Commission issued its Order Directing Filing wherein it directed the parties to file a joint pleading with clarification of paragraph 6 of their Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement.

2. In response to that Order, the parties hereby state that they are not requesting that the Commission approve the rate base estimate found in paragraph 6, but instead ask that the Commission merely acknowledge that Staff’s estimate of rate base is as contained in paragraph 6

WHEREFORE, the undersigned Parties respectfully request that the Commission consider this Joint Response and, thereafter, issue its Order approving all of the specific terms and conditions of this Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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