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STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a Session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office
in Jefferson City on the 10th
day of September, 1993.

In the matter of the joint application of)
Missouri-American Water Company and the)
City of St. Joseph, Missouri for approval) CASE NO. WO-93-298
of agreement and tariff filings relating)
to discontinuance of water service and)
delinquent charges or city sewer services.)

ORDER REOPENING CASE

On April 28, 1993, Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) and the City of St. Joseph, Missouri (City) filed a joint application pursuant to Section 250.236, RSMo Cum. Supp. 1992, seeking the Commission's approval of a water discontinuance agreement negotiated between the parties, which would have allowed the City to arrange with MAWC to have the water service of the City's sewer customers discontinued when those customers were delinquent in the payment of their sewer bills to the City. On August 27, 1993, the Commission issued an order denying the joint application for execution of the water discontinuance agreement.

On September 3, 1993, MAWC and the City filed an Application For Rehearing, asking the Commission to set aside its order and grant a rehearing or reconsideration of their application. The Commission has reviewed the Application For Rehearing and its Order of August 27, 1993, and finds no error in its original decision, nor need for rehearing. The Commission is of the opinion that its order denying the joint application of the parties is not unlawful, unjust or unreasonable, and that sufficient reason has not been demonstrated for the grant of a rehearing.

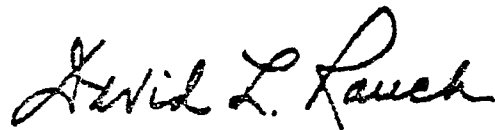
MAWC and the City also argue that it was unreasonable for the Commission to deny their application to execute a water discontinuance agreement

without first affording the Applicants an opportunity to amend their agreement. The Commission finds no merit in this argument. However, the Commission is of the opinion that the request of MAWC and the City to have this matter continued, in the interest of administrative efficiency, time, and expense, so that an amended application can be filed along with a negotiated water discontinuance agreement in conformity with the Commission's order, is reasonable. Thus, the Commission will reopen the case for that purpose.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Case No. WO-93-298 is hereby reopened for the purpose of allowing Missouri-American Water Company and the City of St. Joseph, Missouri to file an amended application, along with a negotiated water discontinuance agreement in conformity with the Commission's order of August 27, 1993.
2. That except as provided in Ordered Section No. 1 above, the Application For Rehearing filed by Missouri-American Water Company and the City of St. Joseph, Missouri on September 3, 1993, is hereby denied.
3. That this Order shall become effective on September 21, 1993.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David L. Rauch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David L. Rauch
Executive Secretary

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Mueller, Chm., McClure, Perkins,
Kincheloe and Crumpton, CC., Concur.