

**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 to) File No. WO-2011-0213
Acquire Certain Assets of Roark Water &)
Sewer, Inc. and, in Connection Therewith,)
Certain Other Related Transactions.)

MAWC AND ROARK RESPONSE TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COME NOW Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) and Roark Water & Sewer, Inc. (Roark) and, in response to the Staff Recommendation, state the following to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission):

1. On December 31, 2010, MAWC and Roark filed a Joint Application requesting authority for MAWC to acquire certain water and sewer assets of Roark.
2. On March 7, 2011, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed its Staff Recommendation and an associated Memorandum.
3. MAWC and Roark have reviewed the Staff Recommendation and do not object to the conditions proposed by the Staff. Accordingly, MAWC and Roark ask that the Commission approve their Joint Application, subject to Staff’s proposed conditions.

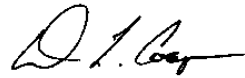
WHEREFORE, MAWC and Roark respectfully request that the Commission consider this response and, thereafter, issue its order:

- (A) authorizing Roark to sell and MAWC to acquire the assets identified herein of Roark to include the certificates held by these entities or, in the alternative, grant MAWC a new certificate to provide water and sewer service in the areas now served by Roark;
- (B) authorizing MAWC to enter into, execute and perform in accordance with the

terms described in the Agreement attached to this Joint Application and to take any and all other actions which may be reasonably necessary and incidental to the performance of the acquisition; and,

(C) granting such other relief as may be deemed necessary and appropriate to accomplish the purposes of the Agreement and the Joint Application and to consummate related transactions in accordance with the Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,



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