

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water)	
Company's Tariff Sheets Designed to Implement)	Case No. WR-2000-281
General Rate Increases for Water and Sewer)	<u>Tariff No. 200000366</u>
Service Provided to Customers in the Missouri)	Tariff No. 200000367
Service Area of the Company.)	

ORDER DENYING REHEARING AND
CONCERNING ACCOUNTING AUTHORITY ORDER

On February 1, 2000, the Commission issued its Order Concerning Test Year, True Up, Accounting Authority Order, and Local Public Hearings. On February 2, 2000, the Commission issued its Order Concerning Motions to Compel. On February 10, 2000, the Industrial Intervenors filed their applications for rehearing with respect to both those Commission orders. Also on February 10, 2000, Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) filed its Motion for Reconsideration with respect to the Accounting Authority Order. On February 18, 2000, the Industrial Intervenors responded in opposition to MAWC's motion; MAWC replied on February 28, 2000.

In the meantime, MAWC, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed a non-unanimous Stipulation and Agreement on February 23, 2000, followed by a motion to modify the procedural schedule on February 24, 2000. Finally, on March 1, 2000, several intervenors filed a request for a hearing on the non-unanimous

Stipulation and Agreement and MAWC, Staff and Public Counsel filed Direct Testimony in its support.

As to Industrial Intervenors' applications for rehearing, they present nothing new and shall be denied. Under its rule 4 CSR 240-2.115(2), the Commission must hold a hearing on a non-unanimous Stipulation and Agreement if one is requested. MAWC, Staff and Public Counsel suggest that that hearing be convened on an expedited schedule. The Commission will also take up the issue of the Accounting Authority Order at that hearing, the timing of which will be addressed in another Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the applications for rehearing filed herein on February 10, 2000, by the Industrial Intervenors are denied.

2. That the Commission will convene an evidentiary hearing on the Motion for Reconsideration filed on February 10, 2000, by Missouri-American Water Company with respect to the Commission's Order concerning the Accounting Authority Order. That hearing will be held together with the hearing mandated by Rule 4 CSR 240-2.115(2) on the non-unanimous Stipulation and Agreement filed herein. The Commission will set a date for that hearing and a procedural schedule in a separate Order.

3. That this order shall become effective on March 14, 2000.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

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Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief
Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation
of authority pursuant to 4 CSR
240-2.120(1) (November 30, 1995)
and Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 3rd day of March, 2000.