

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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| 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 |) | Tariff No. 200000366 |
| Service Provided to Customers in the Missouri |) | Tariff No. 200000367 |
| Service Area of the Company. |) | |

ORDER SHORTENING TIME FOR RESPONSE

On March 31, 2000; the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed its Second Motion to Compel and Request for Expedited Consideration, in which Public Counsel asserted that its ability to timely file its direct testimony in this case was impaired due to the failure of Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) to respond to several Data Requests (DRs).

In order to promptly resolve this dispute and maintain the progress of this case toward resolution, the Commission will shorten the time for response to this motion.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That Missouri-American Water Company shall file its response to Public Counsel's Motion, if any it has, no later than 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2000. Missouri-American shall hand deliver a copy of its response to the Office of the Public Counsel no later than the filing deadline herein specified.

2. That Public Counsel may reply to the response of Missouri-American Water Company no later than 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 7, 2000.

3. That Missouri-American Water Company and the Public Counsel shall also submit electronic copies of their response or reply to the presiding officer by e-mail, as an attached document in Word, WordPerfect or ASCII format, at ktomp099@mail.mo.state.us, no later than the times herein specified for filing those documents.

4. That this order shall become effective on April 6, 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 4th day of April, 2000.