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Mr. Dale H. Roberts  
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Missouri Public  
Service Commission

**RE: Missouri American Water Company  
Case No. WR-2000-281, et al.**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced case please find the original and fourteen copies of the **Office of the Public Counsel's Response in Support of St. Peters, City of O'Fallon, City of Weldon Spring and St. Charles County, Missouri's Request for Order Scheduling a Local Public Hearing in St. Charles County, and Request for Expedited Consideration.** Please "file" stamp the extra enclosed copy and return it to this office.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: Counsel of Record

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Missouri Public  
Service Commission

In The Matter of Missouri-American )  
Water Company's Tariff Sheets Designed )  
to Implement General Rate Increases for )  
Water and Sewer Service Provided to )  
Customers in the Missouri Service Area )  
of the Company. )

Case No. WR-2000-281, et al.

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S RESPONSE IN SUPPORT OF ST.  
PETERS, CITY OF O'FALLON, CITY OF WELDON SPRING AND ST.  
CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI'S REQUEST FOR ORDER SCHEDULING A  
LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING IN ST. CHARLES COUNTY, AND REQUEST FOR  
EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION.**

**COMES NOW** the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and for its  
Response in Support of St. Peters, City of O'Fallon, City of Weldon Spring and St.  
Charles County, Missouri's Request for Order Scheduling A Local Public Hearing in St.  
Charles County, and Request for Expedited Consideration states as follows:

1. Public Counsel fully supports the above-mentioned intervenors' April 10<sup>th</sup>  
Request that the Commission schedule a local public hearing in St. Charles County,  
Missouri.


7. Public Counsel requests that the Commission give this motion expedited  
consideration due to the tight procedural schedule that currently exists in this case.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel requests that the Commission issue its Order  
scheduling a local public hearing in St. Charles County; providing adequate notice to the  
public as requested in Public Counsel's original motion requesting local public hearings  
in this matter, giving this motion expedited consideration, and for such other and further  
orders as the Commission deems necessary under the circumstances.

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Respectfully submitted,

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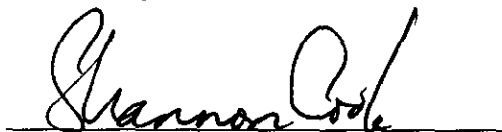
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