

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water)	
Company's Request for Authority to)	
Implement a General Rate Increase for)	File No. WR-2015-0301
Water and Sewer Service Provided in)	
Missouri Service Areas)	

**REQUEST BY CITY OF JOPLIN TO BE EXCUSED
FROM THE HEARING FROM TIME TO TIME**

COMES NOW City of Joplin ("Joplin") and requests to be excused from the hearing scheduled to begin in this matter on March 14, 2016, from time to time. As reflected in its Position Statement, Joplin has stated positions on select issues identified in the Joint List of Issues. As a result, the undersigned counsel will be present to enter an appearance on March 14, 2016, but requests permission to be excused thereafter for such portions of the hearing that it deems not material to its position.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was sent by email this 11th day of March, 2016, to the parties of record as set out on the official Service List maintained by the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission for this case.

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