BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

| In the Matter of Missouri-American Water |) |
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| Company's Application for a Certificate of |) |
| Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it | File No. SA-2021-0120 |
| to Install, Own, Acquire, Construct, |) |
| Operate, Control, Manage and Maintain a |) |
| Sewer System in and around the City of |) |
| Taos, Missouri |) |

STAFF'S AMENDED RECOMMENDATION TO GRANT CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), through the undersigned counsel, and for its *Amended Staff Recommendation to Grant Certificate of Convenience and Necessity*, respectfully states as follows:

- 1. On April 12, 2021, Staff filed its *Recommendation to Grant Certificate of Convenience and Necessity* in response to the Commission's December 11, 2020, *Order Directing Filing* of Missouri-American Water Company ("MAWC") Application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("Application").
- 2. On April 22, 2021, MAWC filed a *Motion for Extension* to respond to *Staff's Recommendation* filed on April 12, 2021. The Commission granted MAWC's *Motion* the same day.
- 3. On May 6, 2021, MAWC filed a *Second Motion for Extension* to respond to Staff's Recommendation. The Commission granted MAWC's *Second Motion* on May 10, 2021.
- 4. After filing its *Recommendation*, Staff began discussions with MAWC concerning the difference between Staff's and MAWC's calculation of estimated rate base. The difference was driven by Staff's exclusion of engineering costs.

MAWC provided Staff the supporting documentation to include the engineering costs in rate base. Staff updated its calculations and the net book value and rate base in the attached *Revised Memorandum*.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this *Amended Staff Recommendation* and requests the Commission approve MAWC's request for the issuance of a CCN allowing MAWC to install, own, acquire, construct, operate, control, manage, and maintain the sewer system, with conditions, to provide sewer service to the requested service area; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile, or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 13th day of May, 2021.

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