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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Merger of AMERICAN WATER)
WORKS COMPANY with NATIONAL ENTERPRISES, INC. and)
the Indirect Acquisition by American Water Works)
Company of the Total Capital Stock of St. Louis)
County Water Company.)
CASE NO. WM-99-224

ORDER EXPANDING TIME IN WHICH TO RESPOND

On November 18, 1998, the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed its Motion To Open A Docket. Within this motion, Public Counsel asks the Commission to exercise its jurisdiction over a proposed merger between American Water Works Company and National Enterprises Inc.

Pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.080(12), the parties would be allowed ten days in which to respond to Public Counsel's motion. In light of the intervening holidays as well as the complexity of the legal issues raised, the Commission will extend the time for responses from November 28 to December 8, 1998. Similarly, any party wishing to intervene shall file its application not later than December 8 with the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 and copies of the application submitted to:

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That any party wishing to respond to the Office of the Public Counsel's Motion To Open A Docket shall have until December 8, 1998, to do so.

2. That any party wishing to file an application to intervene in Case No. WM-99-224 shall have until December 8, 1998, to do so.

3. That this order shall be effective on November 18, 1998.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts".

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Dale Hardy Roberts, 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 18th day of November, 1998.