

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)
Missouri-American Water Company and Meramec)
Sewer Co. for Authority for Missouri-American) **File No. SO-2013-0260**
Water Company to Acquire Certain Assets of)
Meramec Sewer Co., and, in Connection Therewith,)
Certain Other Related Transactions)

STAFF'S STATUS REPORT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and for its *Status Report*, states as follows:

1. On November 2, 2012, Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) and Meramec Sewer Company (Meramec) filed a *Joint Application and, If Necessary, Motion for Waiver* (Joint Application) with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission), seeking Commission approval for MAWC to purchase the assets of Meramec.
2. On November 6, 2012, the Commission issued an *Order & Notice* allowing the proper parties twenty (20) days or until November 26, 2012 to file an application to intervene in this matter. No party filed a motion to intervene.
3. In its November 27, 2012, *Order Directing Filing (Order)*, the Commission directed Staff to file a status report or a recommendation no later than December 27, 2012. This filing complies with that *Order*.
4. Staff has begun its investigation and anticipates that it will be able to conclude its investigation and file a Staff Recommendation or other appropriate pleading with the Commission no later than January 28, 2013.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this *Status Report* for the Commission's information and consideration and hereby requests the Commission grant Staff's request to file a Staff Recommendation or other appropriate pleading no later than January 28, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ **Goldie Tompkins**

Goldie Tompkins Missouri Bar #58759
Rachel M. Lewis Missouri Bar #56073

Attorneys for the Staff of the
Missouri Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102
(573) 751-8700 *telephone*
(573) 751-9285 *facsimile*
goldie.tompkins@psc.mo.gov
rachel.lewis@psc.mo.gov

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 27th day of December, 2012.

/s/ **Goldie Tompkins**

Goldie Tompkins