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**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office  
in Jefferson City on the 20th  
day of June, 1997.

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water        )  
Company's Tariff Designed to Increase Rates    )  
for Water Service Provided to Customers in     )  
the Missouri Service Area of the Company.     )  
Case No. WR-97-237,  
et al.

**ORDER SCHEDULING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Missouri-American Water Company submitted proposed tariff sheets to the Missouri Public Service Commission on December 13, 1996, designed to implement rate increases for water and sewer service provided to customers in the Company's Missouri service area. The Commission suspended the proposed tariffs and consolidated the two rate cases and an Accounting Authority Order application. The Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) filed a Request for Local Public Hearings on May 9, stating that OPC expects significant public interest in the issues in this case and asking the Commission to conduct local public hearings in as many of the company's service areas as practically possible. The Staff of the Commission filed a response on May 19 requesting the Commission to hold such local public hearings as it deems appropriate. The City of Warrensburg filed a response to OPC's request on May 23 stating its concurrence and asking for a local public hearing in the City of Warrensburg.

The Commission agrees that local public hearings should be scheduled because of the size of the proposed rate increase and the proposed uniform rate design. The Commission will conduct local public hearings in Joplin, St. Charles, Warrensburg, St. Joseph (for the

St. Joseph and Parkville districts), and Mexico (for the Mexico and Brunswick districts). The Commission's Information Officer should send notice of the hearings to the publisher of each newspaper located in the Company's service area as listed in the newspaper directory of the current *Official Manual of the State of Missouri*, and to members of the Missouri General Assembly representing customers in the Company's service area; and the Records Department of the Commission should serve a copy of this order on the County Commission of each county and the mayor of each municipality within the Company's service area. In addition, the Information Officer should provide similar notice to any radio and television stations located within the Company's service area.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. That the Commission will conduct local public hearings on the following dates and in the following locations:

THURSDAY, JULY 10

12:00 noon	Matthews Hall Auditorium Missouri Southern State College School of Business 3950 E. Newman Road Joplin, Missouri
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6:00 p.m.	Rooms 205-206 Student Center St. Charles Community College 4601 Mid Rivers Mall Drive St. Peters, Missouri
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THURSDAY, JULY 17

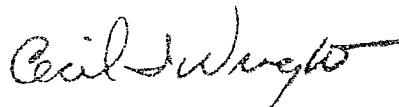
12:00 noon	Municipal Building 102 S. Holden Warrensburg, Missouri
6:00 p.m.	Division 3 Courtroom Buchanan County Courthouse 411 Jules St. Joseph, Missouri
6:00 p.m.	Chamber of Commerce Building 100 W. Jackson Mexico, Missouri

2. That the Records Department and the Information Officer of the Commission shall serve copies of this order and provide notice as described in this order.

3. That anyone with special needs as addressed by the Americans With Disabilities Act should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten (10) days before the public hearing at one of the following numbers: Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.

4. That this order shall become effective on the date hereof.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



**Cecil I. Wright  
Executive Secretary**

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Zobrist, Chm., Crumpton,  
Drainer, Murray and Lumpe,  
CC., concur.

ALJ: Wickliffe