

**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 RESPONSE TO MAWC’S MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and in response to MAWC’s (Missouri-American Water Company) Motion for Expedited Treatment, states as follows:

1. On February 12, 2012, MAWC filed a Motion for Expedited Treatment with the Commission requesting that the Commission issue an order “effective on or before February 28, 2013”:

(A) authorizing MSC to sell and MAWC to acquire the assets identified in the Joint Application to include the certificates held by these entities, or in the alternative grant MAWC a new certificate to provide sewer service in the areas now served by MSC;

(B) authorizing MAWC to enter into, execute and perform in accordance with the terms described in the Agreement attached to the Joint Application and to take any and all other actions which may be reasonably necessary and incidental to the performance of the acquisition; and

(C) granting such other relief as may be deemed necessary and appropriate to accomplish the purposes of the Agreement and the Joint Application and to consummate related transactions in accordance with the Agreement.

2. Staff has been working with MAWC and the Office of the Public Counsel to resolve the remaining issues identified by MAWC in MAWC's Response to Staff's Recommendation. A unanimous filing resolving those issues is anticipated to be filed shortly by MAWC.

3. Staff supports MAWC's request for a Commission decision and Order approving MAWC's Joint Application with an effective date on or before February 28, 2013.

WHEREFORE, Staff, respectfully submits Staff's Response in support of MAWC's Motion for Expedited Treatment for the Commission's consideration.

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 14th day of February, 2013.

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