

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water Company's )  
Request for Authority to Implement A General Rate ) File No. WR-2011-0337  
Increase for Water and Sewer Service Provided in ) File No. SR-2011-0338  
Missouri Service Areas )

## ORDER EXCUSING PARTIES FROM PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Issue Date: August 11, 2011

Effective Date: August 11, 2011

On August 3, 2011, the Commission directed the City of Joplin, Missouri ("Joplin") and The Empire District Electric Company ("Empire") to show cause why the Commission should not dismiss them as parties to this action or impose some other sanction or penalty for failure to attend the July 28, 2011 prehearing conference. Empire and Joplin have now responded. Both inform the Commission that due to administrative errors counsel unintentionally failed to attend. Both reiterate their specific interests in participating in this matter. And both request the Commission to excuse their absence. Based upon the parties' assertions and express commitment to fully participating in these matters, the Commission will excuse their absence from the prehearing conference.

### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The City of Joplin, Missouri's request to excuse its absence from the July 28, 2011 prehearing conference is granted.
2. The Empire District Electric Company's request to excuse its absence from the July 28, 2011 prehearing conference is granted.

3. This order shall be effective immediately upon issuance.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Reed', is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary.

Steven C. Reed  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Harold Stearley, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant  
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2011.