BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri-American)	
Water Company for a Certificate of)	
Convenience and Necessity Authorizing)	
it to Install, Own, Acquire, Construct,)	File No. SA-2021-0017
Operate, Control, Manage and Maintain)	
a Sewer System in and around the City)	
of Hallsville, Missouri.)	

MISSOURI-AMERICAN'S RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING

COMES NOW Missouri-American Water Company ("MAWC," "Missouri-American" or "Company"), by and through the undersigned counsel, and in response to the Missouri Public Service Commission's ("Commission") *Order Directing Filing and Suspending Briefing Schedule* ("*Order*"), states as follows:

- 1. Among other things, the *Order* directed MAWC to file appropriate documentation to confirm the status of and describe any new rate structure in place or expected to be adopted by the City of Hallsville sewer system by April 30, 2021.
- 2. Attached hereto as <u>Appendix A</u> is City of Hallsville Ordinance No. 384 (Bill No. 2021-2), which describes the referenced Hallsville rate structure. Ordinance No. 384 was passed on April 12, 2021, ". . . to be effective from and after its date of passage and approval."

WHEREFORE, Missouri-American respectfully requests the Commission consider this *Response to Order Directing Filing* to comply with the Commission's *Order* and issue such further orders as the Commission shall find to be reasonable and just.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been sent to all counsel of record by electronic mail this 28th day of April, 2021.

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 710.140 (G) AND REPEALING AND REPLACING SECTIONS 710.140 (A), (B), AND (C) (SEWER) USER RATE CHARGES AND SECTION 710.150 (B) SEWER USAGE OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS.

WHEREAS, the City of Hallsville intends for its sewer system and other public utilities to be self-funded, the City of Hallsville finds it necessary to increase sewer rates to fund the City's sanitary sewer system and its improvements.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF HALLSVILLE, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

- SECTION 710.140 (A) USER RATE CHARGES IS HEREBY REPEALED AND REPLACED WITH NEW SECTION 710.140 (A) AS FOLLOWS: Each user shall pay for the services provided by the City based on a flat-rate depending on which one of three categories a user belongs: 1) residential; 2) low usage commercial, public authority, and industrial, or 3) high usage commercial, public authority, and industrial.
- 2. SECTION 710.140 (B) USER RATE CHARGES IS HEREBY REPEALED AND REPLACED WITH NEW SECTION 710.140 (B) AS FOLLOWS: Low usage commercial, public authority, and industrial customers are customers that use less than 12,500 gallons per month. High usage commercial, public authority, and industrial customers are customers that use more than 12,500 gallons per month based on average yearly water usage for the year immediately preceding. If a customer has no months of usage for the year immediately preceding, his/her monthly charge shall be based on water used during the current month. If a customer uses water which is not returned to the wastewater collection system, the user charge for that contributor may be based on a wastewater meter(s) or separate water meter(s) installed and maintained at the customer's expense and in a manner acceptable to the City.
- 3. SECTION 710.140 (C) USER RATE CHARGES IS HEREBY REPEALED AND REPLACED WITH NEW SECTION 710.140(C) AS FOLLOWS: The flat sewer charge per billing period for residential customers shall be thirty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents (\$38.75). The flat sewer charge per billing period for low usage commercial, public authority, and industrial customers (less than 12,500 gallons per month) shall be forty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents (\$48.75). The flat sewer rate charge per billing period for high usage commercial, public authority, and industrial customers (more than 12,500 gallons per month) shall be one hundred and fifty-nine dollars and seventy-five cents (\$159.75). The charges shall be revised from time to time in accordance with Section 710.180.
- 4. SECTION 710.140 (G) USER RATE CHARGES IS HEREBY REPEALED.
- 5. SECTION 710.150 (B) SEWER USAGE OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS IS HEREBY REPEALED AND REPLACED WITH NEW SECTION 710.155 (B) AS FOLLOWS: The flat sewer charge per billing period for residential customers outside the City limits of Hallsville shall be forty-three dollars and seventy-five cents (\$43.75), low usage commercial, public authority, and industrial customers (less than 12,500 gallons per month) shall be fifty-three dollars and seventy-five cents (\$53.75), and high usage commercial, public authority, and industrial customers (more than 12,500 gallons per month) shall be one hundred sixty-four dollars and seventy-five cents (\$164.75). The charges shall be

revised from time to time in accordance with Section 710.180. If the water used at such location is not furnished and metered by the City, City may require the user to install a metering system acceptable to the City and provide monthly readings to the City for billing purposes. Agents of the City shall be permitted upon the user's premises to inspect, verify, and ensure compliance with this Section by the user at any reasonable time.

- 6. THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE FROM AND AFTER ITS DATE OF PASSAGE AND APPROVAL.
- 7. READ TWO TIMES AND PASSED THIS 12th DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

Løgan Carter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kenyetta Ridgway-Sample, City Administrator/City Clerl