

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

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water )  
Company's Application for a Certificate of )  
Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it )  
to Install, Own, Acquire, Construct, )  
Operate, Control, Manage and Maintain a )  
Sewer System in and around the City of )  
Hallsville, Missouri )

**File No. SA-2021-0017**

**ORDER DIRECTING FILING AND SUSPENDING BRIEFING SCHEDULE**

Issue Date: April 23, 2021

Effective Date: April 23, 2021

On April 8, 2021, the Commission conducted an evidentiary hearing in the matter of the application of Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) for a certificate of convenience and necessity to install, own, acquire, construct, operate, control, manage, and maintain a sewer system in and around Hallsville, Missouri. MAWC's application seeks Commission authority to acquire the City of Hallsville sewer system. Boone County Regional Sewer District, the Staff of the Commission (Staff), and the Office of the Public Counsel are also parties.

MAWC's application specifies Hallsville's current sewer rates, based on water usage, of \$19.35 for the first 1,000 gallons with an additional \$5 for every added 1,000 gallons.<sup>1</sup> MAWC's application proposes to adopt those rates. However, the feasibility study attached to the application specifies a different rate,<sup>2</sup> which coincides to a flat rate under MAWC's tariffs.

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<sup>1</sup> *Application and Motion for Waiver*, ¶¶ 16-17 (July 20, 2020).

<sup>2</sup> *Application and Motion for Waiver*, Appendix E (Confidential) (July 20, 2020); See also Ex. 1C: Schedule MH-4C.

During the hearing, the Commission heard testimony from MAWC witnesses that Hallsville was expected to approve a new flat rate structure on April 12 and that MAWC proposed to adopt the Hallsville rates in place at closing on the Hallsville system. The Commission will direct 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. Such documentation may include City of Hallsville ordinances or other official documents.

The Commission will also direct Staff to file a supplemental recommendation addressing whether a new Hallsville rate structure, if any, results in any changes to Staff's recommendation. Staff's supplemental recommendation should address, at minimum, the proposed rates, the feasibility of MAWC's proposal and any revisions to the conditions proposed in Staff's recommendation, filed on November 18, 2020.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. MAWC shall file documentation as provided above no later than April 30, 2021.
2. Staff shall file a status report or a supplement to Staff's recommendation no later than May 10, 2021.
3. The schedule for post-hearing briefs is suspended until further order.
4. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Jana C. Jacobs, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo (2016).

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 23rd day of April, 2021.