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Sponsoring Party: Missouri-American Water Company

Case No.: WR-2011-0337 Date: February 2, 2012

## MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION CASE NO. WR-2011-0337

SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY

OF

**JOHN J. SPANOS** 

ON BEHALF OF

**MISSOURI-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY** 

**JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI** 

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

IN THE MATTER OF MISSOURI-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO FILE TARIFFS REFLECTING INCREASED RATES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE

CASE NO. WR-2011-0337 CASE NO. SR-2011-0338

## AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN J. SPANOS

John J. Spanos, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the witness who sponsors the accompanying testimony entitled "Surrebuttal Testimony of John J. Spanos"; that said testimony was prepared by him and/or under his direction and supervision; that if inquires were made as to the facts in said testimony, he would respond as therein set forth; and that the aforesaid testimony is true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

John J. Spanos

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

**County of Cumberland** 

SUBSCRIBED and sworn to

Before me this /s/ day of \_

2012

-Motary Public

My commission expires: February 20, 2015

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Notarial Seal

Cheryl Ann Rutter, Notary Public East Pennsboro Twp., Cumberland County My Commission Expires Feb. 20, 2015

MEMBER, PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF NOTARIES

- 1 Q. Please state your name and address.
- 2 A. My name is John J. Spanos. My business address is 207 Senate Avenue, Camp
- 3 Hill, Pennsylvania.
- 4 Q. Have you previously submitted testimony in this proceeding?
- 5 A. Yes, I have. I submitted rebuttal testimony on January 19, 2012.
- 6 Q. What is the purpose of your surrebuttal testimony?
- 7 A. The purpose of my surrebuttal testimony is to respond to the rebuttal testimony of
- 8 Arthur W. Rice.
- 9 Q. What is the subject of your surrebuttal testimony?
- 10 A. The subject of my surrebuttal testimony is the confusion related to the Continuing
- Property Records (CPR). Mr. Rice addresses his concerns on pages 8 through
- 12 12 of his rebuttal testimony.
- 13 Q. Does the Missouri American Water Company (MAWC) have an adequate
- 14 Continuing Property Records system?
- 15 A. Yes, they do.
- 16 Q. Has MAWC had numerous changes to the media of which the CPR has
- 17 been maintained?
- 18 A. Yes. Like all other utilities across the United States, property records have
- evolved from hard documented ledger sheets to various electronic fixed asset
- systems. These transitions require a considerable amount of time and effort for
- the accounting department to process and maintain, as well as the requirement
- of space to store records. With the consolidation and mergers of the Company,
- 23 documents are retained in numerous areas.
- 24 Q. Do the Company property records have historical data back to the initial
- years?

- A. Yes. As set forth in the past depreciation studies before this Commission, the historical entries of additions, retirements, sales and transfers by account within the district have been maintained. The property records go back to 1939 when utilities began maintaining their property records. The depreciation study as of December 31, 2008, Case No. WR-2010-0131, establishes the basis for all these transactions.
- Q. Has there been a misunderstanding during discovery with regard to thisdata?
- There have been responses to data requests from Staff which the 9 Α. Yes. Company interpreted in a different manner than what Staff intended. The basis 10 for the misunderstanding stemmed from the records related to the retirement of 11 all assets associated with the St. Joseph facility. The updated response to Data 12 Request No. 92 sets forth the breakdown of the \$6,885,269.56 retirement of the 13 St. Joseph facility by account. In addition, the response includes the detail of 14 each asset that was retired with the original year of installation. 15
- Q. Are the practices of MAWC for property record retention common amongother utilities?
- 18 A. Yes. Utilities across the United States have been through many transitions of the 19 property records and changes in fixed asset systems. The degree of detail in the 20 archives of MAWC meet all the necessary requirements of record retention.
- 21 Q. Are the concerns of Mr. Rice related to the CPR warranted?
- 22 A. Not in my opinion. The multiple resources MAWC utilizes to maintain property 23 records meet the requirements and issues addressed by Mr. Rice.
- 24 Q. Does this conclude your testimony?
- 25 A. Yes, it does.