BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)	
Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Co. and)	
Missouri-American Water Company)	
for MAWC to Acquire Certain Water and)	No. WA-2016-0019
Sewer Assets of Hickory Hills and, in)	
Connection Therewith, Issue Indebtedness and)	
Encumber Assets.)	

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES' RESPONSE TO STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Missouri Department of Natural Resources ("MDNR"), and for its response to Staff's recommendation, states as follows:

1. MDNR supports Staff's recommendation that the PSC approve Missouri
American Water Company's (MAWC) and Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Company's
(Hickory Hills) joint application for approval of transfer of assets. MDNR is working with
MAWC to address MDNR's environmental concerns.

WHEREFORE, MDNR respectfully requests that the PSC approve MAWC and Hickory Hills' joint application for approval of transfer of assets.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing has been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or e-mailed to all counsel of record this 13th day of October, 2015.

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