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Mr. Dale Hardy Roberts
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**RE: Missouri-American Water Company - Consolidated Case Nos. WR-2000-281
SR-2000-282**

Dear Mr. Roberts:

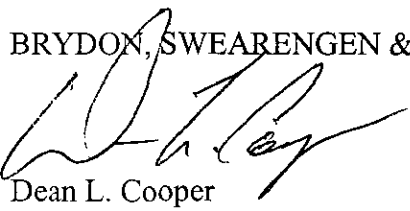
Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceeding please find an original and fourteen copies of MAWC's Response to MIEC's Application to Intervene. Please stamp the enclosed extra copy "filed" and return same to me.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, then please do not hesitate to contact me.
Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND P.C.

By:


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Enclosures

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

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In the Matter of Missouri-American)
Water Company's Tariff Sheets Designed)
to Implement General Rate Increases for)
Water and Sewer Service provided to)
Customers in the Missouri Service Area)
of the Company.)

Case No. WR-2000-281

Case No. SR-2000-282

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MAWC'S RESPONSE TO MIEC'S APPLICATION TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW Missouri-American Water Company ("MAWC" or "Company") and, for its Response to the Application to Intervene filed by The Boeing Company, Ford Motor Company and Hussmann Refrigeration (the "MIEC"), states to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as follows:

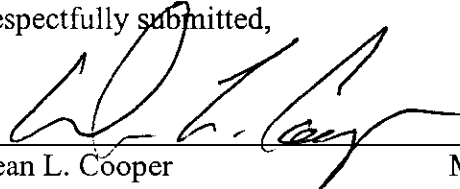
1. On or about December 7, 1999, the MIEC filed their Application to Intervene in the above-captioned matter.
2. While MAWC does not object to the MIEC's intervention in this matter, it would like to address MIEC's statements regarding their interest in this proceeding.
3. The MIEC first state that they are "all large customers of Missouri-American Water Company in St. Louis County." This is not accurate as MAWC currently has no operations in St. Louis County. The MIEC are large customers of St. Louis County Water Company ("SLCWC"), a sister company of MAWC. SLCWC and MAWC are both owned by the same ultimate parent, American Water Works, Inc. However, they remain separate companies and neither has an ownership interest in the other. This case only concerns tariffs which have been filed by MAWC and the result of this case will have an impact only on customers of MAWC.
4. MIEC additionally alleges that MAWC's proposal in this case for single tariff pricing "will eventually have a significant impact on customers located in St. Louis County" and

that the "Commission's decision in the present case may adversely impact the MIEC's water rates and the terms and conditions of its water service."

5. Such impacts cannot result from this case. As explained previously, the MIEC are not customers of MAWC. Any attempt to merge SLCWC into MAWC, to place MAWC and SLCWC rates on a single tariff or to "impact the MIEC's water rates and terms and conditions of its service" would require a separate case involving SLCWC and a separate Commission decision.

WHEREFORE, MAWC does not object to a granting of the Application to Intervene filed by the MIEC.

Respectfully submitted,



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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was sent by U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered on this 14th day of December, 1999, to the following:

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