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

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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 PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: December 21, 2020

Effective Date: December 21, 2020

On July 20, 2020, Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) applied 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 requests Commission approval to acquire the City of Hallsville sewer system. The Commission approved Boone County Regional Sewer District's ("District") application to intervene in this matter.

On November 18, 2020, the Staff of the Commission filed its recommendation to approve MAWC's application with specified conditions. On December 4, 2020, the District objected to Staff's recommendation and requested the Commission deny MAWC's application or conduct an evidentiary hearing.<sup>1</sup> On December 8, 2020, the District filed an amended objection to Staff's recommendation. The District requested the Commission require the parties to submit a proposed procedural schedule. Also on December 4, MAWC responded to Staff's recommendation and stated it does not object to Staff's proposed conditions for approval of the company's application.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> At the District's request, the Commission extended the deadline for response to Staff's recommendation.

The Commission will direct the parties to file a proposed procedural schedule. The schedule must specify whether the parties will pre-file testimony and, if so, include deadlines for testimony. In addition, the proposed schedule must include deadlines for a joint list of issues and party position statements. The parties may presume that the Commission will require Staff to file a joint list of issues, which will also include a list of witnesses, the order in which witnesses will be called and the order of cross-examination. The parties may also presume a joint list of issues and party position statements will be due no later than two weeks before the hearing and transcripts will be available no earlier than 10 business days after hearing.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, any proposed schedule should presume hearing will be conducted by telephone and video conference.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than January 8, 2021, the parties shall submit a proposed procedural schedule, as described above.

2. This order shall be effective when issued.



## BY THE COMMISSION

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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 21st day of December, 2020.