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# **MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

# **INDUSTRY ANALYSIS DIVISION**

### WATER, SEWER & STEAM DEPARTMENT

SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY

OF

### **JARROD J. ROBERTSON**

### **MISSOURI-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY**

**CASE NO. WR-2022-0303** 

Jefferson City, Missouri February 2023

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2		JARROD J. ROBERTSON				
3		MISSOURI-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY				
4		CASE NO. WR-2022-0303				
5	Q.	Please state your name and business address.				
6	А.	My name is Jarrod J. Robertson and my business address is 200 Madison Street,				
7	Jefferson City, MO 65101.					
8	Q.	By whom are you employed and in what capacity?				
9	А.	I am employed by the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as				
10	a Senior Re	search/Data Analyst in the Water, Sewer, & Steam Department of the				
11	Industry Analysis Division, a member of Commission Staff ("Staff").					
12	Q.	Are you the same Jarrod J. Robertson who filed direct testimony on				
13	November 22,	, 2022, and rebuttal testimony on January 18, 2023, in this rate case?				
14	А.	Yes, I am.				
15	EXECUTIVE SUMMARY					
16	Q.	What is the purpose of your surrebuttal testimony?				
17	А.	The purpose of my surrebuttal testimony is to address the revenue requirement				
18	rebuttal testimony of Missouri-American Water Company ("MAWC") witness Charles B. Rea,					
19	regarding the	comparison of Staff's five (5) year averaging method versus MAWC's				
20	ten (10) year statistical linear regression analysis.					
21	Q.	What specifically will you address?				
22	А.	I will address the difference between MAWC's and Staff's annual residential				
23	usage estimate	es as discussed on page 6, lines 7 through 21 of Mr. Rea's rebuttal testimony.				

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# **DECLINING USAGE**

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Q. What does Mr. Rea state in his rebuttal testimony about MAWC's and Staff's
annual residential usage estimates?

A. Mr. Rea states on page 6, lines 7 through 21 of his rebuttal testimony that the
difference between the annual amount of volumetric residential decline on a per customer basis
between Staff's method and MAWC's analysis is approximately 5,400 gallons per year, for
both Tariff District 1 (St. Louis County) and Tariff District 2 (non-St. Louis County).

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Does Staff agree with this assessment?

A. No. Mr. Rea states on page 39, lines 12 through 14 of his direct testimony that
the annual amount of volumetric residential decline on a per customer basis is approximately
1,400 gallons and 1,200 gallons, for Tariff Districts 1 and 2, respectively. Staff reports in
Schedule JJR-r1, attached to my rebuttal testimony, that the annual amount of volumetric
residential decline on a per customer basis is 1,160 gallons for Tariff District 1 and 57 gallons
for Tariff District 2.

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What is Staff's conclusion regarding this comparison?

A. Staff calculated the difference between Staff's and MAWC's residential usage estimates to be approximately 240 gallons and 1,143 gallons for Tariff Districts 1 and 2, respectively, and this data is displayed in the table on the following page of this testimony.

Q. Has Staff analyzed how MAWC's and Staff's differences in residential usage
estimates affects annual revenue?

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Yes. Please see the table below:

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	А	В	С	D	Е
		Annually	Total Annual Decline in Usage	Units	Total Annual
Staff 5yr Avg	Decline/Customer (Actuals)	1,160	<u> </u>		
Co. Predicted 10yr Avg Decline/Customer		1,400	(240*317,267)	(76,143,992.57/1,000)	(76,143.99*5.629
		240	76,143,992.57	76,143.99	428,614.5
Tariff District	12				
	Α	В	с	D	E
		Annually	Total Annual Decline in Usage	Units	Total Annual
Staff 5yr Avg	Decline/Customer (Actuals)	57			
Co. Predicted	d 10yr Avg Decline/Customer	1,200	(1,143*113,130)	(129,307,151.85/1,000)	(129,307.15*6.24
		1,143	129,307,151.85	129,307.15	807,768.8
usage (as calculated by Staff and MAWC), and the difference between the two methods for each District.					
the volumetric difference between the two methods (240 and 1,143 gallons, respectively), by the average total number of customers for each specific District (317,267 and 113,130, respectively).					
• Column D shows the total usage from Column C divided by 1,000 to convert the usage to charged units, which provides the commodity charge per 1,000 gallons of usage per District.					
•	MAWC's method, cal	culated b	nual dollar amount relate by multiplying the charge 529 <sup>1</sup> and \$6.2469 <sup>2</sup> per 1,0	d units by the c	ommodity
Q. What is Staff's conclusion concerning the effect on revenue of MAWC's an					
Staff's differences in the average annual decline in residential volume?					
		average	annual residential volum	etric usage bas	ed on Staf
A.	When comparing	U			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> P.S.C. MO NO. 13 Water Tariff, 4<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. RT 1.2. <sup>2</sup> P.S.C. MO NO. 13 Water Tariff, 6<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. RT 1.3.

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the effect on annual revenues is approximately \$1.2 million for the two Districts combined,
 not the approximately \$13.8 million Mr. Rea reports on page 6, lines 19 through 21 of
 his rebuttal testimony.

Does this conclude your surrebuttal testimony?

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A. Yes it does.

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

#### **OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water Company's Request for Authority to Implement General Rate Increase for Water and Sewer Service Provided in Missouri Service Areas

Case No. WR-2022-0303

#### AFFIDAVIT OF JARROD J. ROBERTSON

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STATE OF MISSOURI	)	
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COUNTY OF COLE	)	

**COMES NOW JARROD J. ROBERTSON** and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Surrebuttal Testimony of Jarrod J. Robertson*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

JARROD J. ROBERTSON

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of February 2023.

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Notary Public

D. SUZIE MANKIN Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Cole County My Commission Expires: April 04, 2025 Commission Number: 12412070