BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water Company for Authority to Issue up to \$212,500,000of Long-Term , Unsecured Debt

File No. WF-2011-0173

STAFF REPORT

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COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through its attorney, and states, for its *Staff Report*, to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as follows.

1. On December 17, 2010, Missouri American Water Company filed with the Commission an Application for Authority to Issue up to \$212,500,000 of Long Term Debt ("Application").

2. On December 17, 2010, the Commission issued an *Order* which directed Staff to file a pleading by December 28, 2010 stating when it anticipates filing its recommendation in this matter.

3. This filing is meant to comply with the Commission's *Order*.

4. Upon reviewing the Company's *Application*, Staff anticipates filing its recommendation in this matter by February 17, 2011.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully reports that it anticipates filing a recommendation with the Commission by February 17, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record on this 23rd day of December, 2010.

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