

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

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water)
Company for Authority to Issue up to)
\$212,500,000 of Long-Term, Unsecured Debt) **File No. WF-2011-0173**

STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE APPLICATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and, for its recommendation on the application of Missouri-American Water Company (Missouri-American or Company) that initiated the above case, states:

1. On December 17, 2010, Missouri-American submitted an *Application* before the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) for authorization to issue up to \$212,500,000 of long-term unsecured debt.
2. On March 2, 2011, the Commission granted Missouri-American's *Application*.
3. On July 25, 2013, Missouri-American filed a *Motion to Reopen Case and for Supplemental Order*, which requested the Commission grant a supplemental order in Case No. WF-2011-0173 allowing for an increase of Missouri-American's financing authority by \$2,095,000. The Company explained that this extension of its financing authority would allow for refinancing \$25,000,000 of existing long-term unsecured debt at favorable rates.
4. On July 26, 2013, the Commission issued an *Order Reopening File and Directing Staff to File a Recommendation*, which directed Staff to file a recommendation regarding Missouri-American's *Application* no later than August 27, 2013.

5. In compliance with that *Order*, Staff submits the attached memorandum, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Appendix A, and, for the reasons stated therein, recommends the Commission conditionally approve Missouri-American's application for additional financing authority.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends the Commission approve Missouri-American's application for authority to issue up to an additional \$2,095,000 of unsecured indebtedness.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed with first-class postage, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 27th day of August, 2013.

/s/ Amy E. Moore