

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

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water)
Company’s request for a variance from) **File No. WE-2010-0136**
certain requirements set forth in)
4 CSR 240-2.050)

MOTION FOR EXTENSION TO FILE RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through the undersigned counsel, and for its *Motion*, respectfully states the following to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission):

1. On October 30, 2009, Missouri-American Water Company (“MAWC” or “Company”) filed an *Application* to seek a variance from the Commission’s regulations regarding residential service, which proposes to modify the effective period of a notice of discontinuance from eleven (11) business days to twenty (20) business days for quarterly billed customers only.

2. On November 30, 2009, the Commission issued a *Notice of Application And Order Directing Filing*, which in part directed the Staff to file a recommendation on the *Application* by December 17, 2009.

3. On December 15, 2009, the Staff received some relevant data for use in its final recommendation to the Commission. While the Staff has diligently investigated this matter, the Staff requests an extension of thirty (30) days, until January 16, 2010, to file its report and recommendation in this matter with the Commission.

4. Counsel for MAWC and the Office of the Public Counsel do not object to this request.

WHEREFORE, the Staff requests that the Commission allow an extension of thirty (30) days, until January 16, 2010, for the Staff to file its recommendation in this matter with the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via electronic mail on John J. Reichart, Missouri-American Water Company at john.reichart@amwater.com; Dean L. Cooper, Brydon, Swearngen & England P.C., attorney for MAWC at dcooper@brydonlaw.com; and the Office of Public Counsel at opcservice@ded.mo.gov this 17th day of December, 2009.

/s/ Jennifer Hernandez