

**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.)

**THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S RESPONSE TO
ORDER DIRECTING FILING**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and for its Response to Order Directing Filing states as follows:

1. On October 30, 2009, Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) filed an application requesting that the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) grant it variance from the requirements of subpart (3) of 4 CSR 240-2.050 (Commission rules on Discontinuance of Service), and allow MAWC to modify the effective period of its notices of discontinuance from eleven (11) business days to twenty (20) business days.
2. On July 30, 2010, MAWC filed a tariff in compliance with the Commission's *Order Granting Variance for Discontinuance of Service in St. Louis County*. The tariff bears an effective date of August 29, 2010.
3. Public Counsel now states that it takes no position on MAWC's proposed tariff.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully submits its response.

Respectfully submitted,

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