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

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In the Matter of the Joint Application of Missouri-American Water Company and DCM Land, LLC, for a Variance from the Company's Tariff Provisions Regarding the Extension of Company Mains.

File No. WE-2021-0390

## MAWC RESPONSE TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

**COMES NOW** Missouri-American Water Company ("MAWC") and, as its response to the *Recommendation* ("Staff Recommendation"), states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

1. On August 13, 2021, the Staff of the Commission ("Staff") filed its Recommendation and associated Memorandum recommending that the Commission reject the Joint Applicants' Application. Joint Applicant DCM Land, LLC ("DCM Land") previously filed its response to the Staff Recommendation.

2. MAWC hereby states its disagreement with the Staff's position as to the Commission's authority to grant a request for a waiver or variance from a tariff provision and joins in DCM Land's position as to that issue. MAWC further disagrees with Staff's position that the requested waiver would be discriminatory, given the unique characteristics of this project.

**WHEREFORE**, MAWC respectfully requests the Commission grant the variances Applicants have requested, and such further and other relief as the Commission considers just and reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been sent by electronic mail this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2021, to:

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