

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

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water)
 Company for a Certificate of Convenience and)
 Necessity Authorizing it to Install, Own,)
 Acquire, Construct, Operate, Control, Manage) **File No. WA-2022-0293**
 and Maintain a Water System and Sewer System)
 in and around the City of Purcell, Missouri.)
)

MAWC REPLY TO OPC’S RESPONSE TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC), and for its *Reply to OPC’s Response to Staff Recommendation* states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission):

1. On August 25, 2022, the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) filed a *Response to Staff Recommendation (OPC’s Response)*. *OPC’s Response* asks the Commission to order MAWC to provide additional notice to Purcell customers as a part of MAWC’s post-closing letter to customers. The Commission issued its *Order Directing MAWC Reply* the same date directing MAWC to file a pleading addressing *OPC’s Response*.

2. Specifically, the *OPC’s Response* proposes that the following language be included in MAWC’s post-closing letter to Purcell customers:

MAWC will combine all of Purcell’s customers and consolidate rates, whether residing inside or outside city limits. MAWC will provide water service pursuant to the existing rates currently applicable to MAWC’s Joplin service area. It will utilize the rules governing the rendering of water service currently found in MAWC’s water tariff, P.S.C. MO No. 13.

MAWC will provide sewer service pursuant to the existing rates currently applicable to MAWC’s service area that includes Stonebridge, Branson Canyon, etc. It will utilize the rules governing the rendering of sewer service currently found in MAWC’s sewer tariff, P.S.C. MO No. 26.

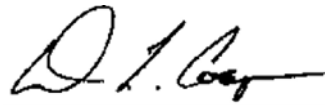
MAWC has filed a water and sewer rate case before the Missouri Public Service Commission, File No. WR-2022-0303, in which these rates and rules will be

reviewed. It is expected that any change in rates as a result of this case will be effective by June 1, 2023.

3. MAWC has no objection to OPC's proposed language concerning the post-closing letter, Further, MAWC does not object to including similar language for any acquisition that closes before new rates take effect as a result of Case No. WR-2022-0303.

WHEREFORE, MAWC requests the Commission issue an order approving MAWC's *Application* and granting MAWC a CCN, subject to the conditions recommended in Staff's *Memorandum*, and directing that additional notice be provided to the Purcell customers as provided in *OPC's Response*.

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 26th day of August 2022, to all counsel of record.

