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

) <u>WF-2011-0173</u>

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE A PLEADING STATING WHEN IT WILL FILE A RECOMMENDATION IN THIS CASE

Issue Date: December 17, 2010 Effective Date: December 17, 2010

On December 17, 2010, Missouri-American Water Company ("MAWC") filed an application seeking authority to issue notes in one or more series evidencing up to \$212,500,000 of long-term indebtedness payable to American Water Capital Corporation (AWCC").¹ The Commission will need a recommendation from its Staff before acting on MAWC's application. Therefore, the Commission will direct its Staff to respond indicating when it will be able to file a recommendation in this matter.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than December 28, 2010, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall file a pleading stating when it anticipates filing its recommendation in this matter.

2. Any other party that wishes to respond to Missouri-American Water Company's application shall do so no later than December 28, 2010.

¹ MAWC's application was filed pursuant to Sections 393.190 and 393.200, RSMo, 2000, and 4CSR 240-

3. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

Steven C. Reed Secretary

(SEAL)

Harold Stearley, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 17th day of December, 2010.

2.060, 4 CSR -2.080, and 4 CSR 240-3.615.