BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water) Company for Authority to Issue up to) \$350,000,000 of Long-Term Unsecured Debt)

File No. WF-2019-0206

STAFF'S STATUS REPORT AND MOTION FOR EXTENSION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff") and for its *Status Report and Motion for Extension*, states as follows:

1. On January 10, 2019, Missouri-American Water Company ("MAWC") filed an *Application* in which it seeks the Missouri Public Service Commission's ("Commission") approval of its financing plan to conduct unsecured debt financings over a three-year period and a waiver of the notice requirement contained in Rule 4 CSR 240-4.017(1).

2. On January 11, 2019, the Commission issued an *Order Directing Staff to File a Recommendation*; in its Order, the Commission directed Staff to file, no later than January 31, a recommendation or a status report indicating when it will be able to file a recommendation.

3. On January 28, 2019, Staff filed its *Status Report Indicating Anticipated Date of Filing Staff Recommendation*, stating that it would file its recommendation or a status report in this matter no later than March 6, 2019.

4. On February 14, 2019, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Filing*, directing Staff to file its Recommendation no later than March 6, 2019.

5. On February 19, 2019, Staff issued additional discovery in this matter; responses to which are necessary for Staff to complete its Recommendation. MAWC has indicated to Staff that they will be unable to provide their response prior to Staff's March 6, 2019, filing deadline. As such, in order to provide ample opportunity for Staff to

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thoroughly review MAWC's response, and finalize its analysis, Staff respectfully requests an extension of two weeks for which to file its Recommendation.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will accept this *Status Report and Motion for Extension,* and order Staff to file its Recommendation no later than March 20, 2019; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record on this 4th day of March, 2019.

<u>/s/ Mark Johnson</u>