BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water Company for Authority to Issue up to \$650,000,000 of Long-Term, Unsecured Debt

File No. WF-2022-0161

MAWC'S RESPONSE TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW Missouri-American Water Company ("MAWC"), by and through the undersigned counsel, and files this *Response to Staff Recommendation* with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"). In support, MAWC states as follows:

1. On February 15, 2022, Staff filed its *Staff Recommendation* and supporting *Memorandum* recommending that the Commission approve the application of MAWC to issue up to \$650 million of long-term unsecured debt and grant MAWC's requested waiver from the 60 day requirement of 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1).

2. Staff's *Memorandum* recommended the Commission grant MAWC's application subject to the eight (8) conditions listed on pages six (6) and seven (7) of Staff's *Memorandum*.

3. On February 16, 2022, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Filing*, directing MAWC to respond to *Staff's Recommendation* and *Memorandum* no later than February 26, 2022.

4. MAWC hereby states that it does not object to the eight (8) conditions listed on pages six (6) and seven (7) of Staff's *Memorandum*.

WHEREFORE, MAWC provides this *Response to Staff Recommendation* and requests the Commission approve the application of MAWC to issue up to \$650 million of long-term unsecured debt and grant MAWC's requested waiver from the 60 day requirement of 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1), subject to Staff's conditions as stated herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was electronically transmitted on this 25th day of February 2022 to all counsel of record.

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