

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application)
Of Missouri-American Water)
Company and Woodland Manor)
Water Company, LLC for MAWC to)
Acquire Certain Water Assets of)
Woodland Manor and in Connection)
Therewith, Certain Other Related)
Transactions)

Case No. WM-2016-0169

STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TARIFFS

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and for its *Recommendation to Approve Tariffs* in this matter hereby states:

1. The parties to this matter filed a *Stipulation and Agreement*, which the Commission approved in its *Report and Order* May 3, 2016. In accordance with the Commission's *Report and Order* Missouri-American Water Company (Missouri-American) filed certain water tariff sheets (YW-2016-0377) on June 28, 2016; which are designed to adopt the existing Woodland Manor Water Company, LLC's, water tariff, including its rates, rules and service area.

2. Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets filed by Missouri American and recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheets and that the tariff sheets take effect July 28, 2016.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will issue an order approving the tariff sheets; set an effective date consistent with Staff's recommendation; and grant such other and further relief as it considers just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Whitney Payne

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 29th day of June, 2016, to all counsel of record.

/s/ Whitney Payne

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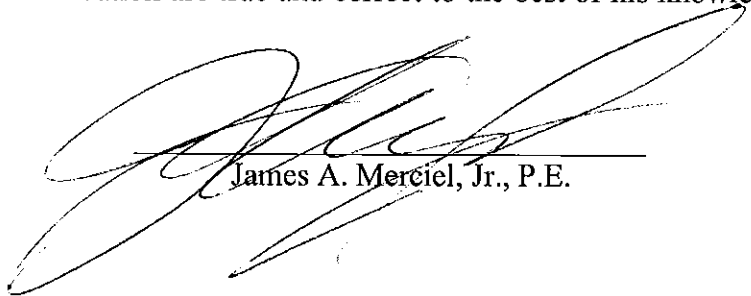
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AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES A. MERCIEL, JR., P.E.

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COUNTY OF COLE)

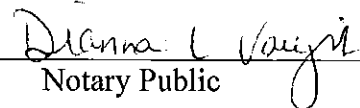
COMES NOW, James A. Merciel, Jr., P.E., of lawful age, on his oath states: (1) that he is the Utility Regulatory Engineering Supervisor in the Water and Sewer Department of the Missouri Public Service Commission; (2) that he participated in the preparation of the foregoing Staff Recommendation; (3) that information in the Staff Recommendation was provided by him; (4) that he has knowledge of matters set forth in the Staff Recommendation; and (5) that such matters set forth in the Staff Recommendation are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



James A. Merciel, Jr., P.E.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of June, 2016.

DIANNA L. VAUGHT
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for Cole County
My Commission Expires: June 28, 2019
Commission Number: 15207377


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