

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)
Missouri-American Water Company and)
Spokane Highlands Water Company for)
MAWC to Acquire Certain Water Assets of) **File No. WM-2018-0104**
Spokane Highlands and, in Connection)
Therewith, Certain Other Related Transactions)

**STAFF'S PLEADING REGARDING ANTICIPATED DATE
OF FILING STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”) and for its *Pleading*, states as follows:

1. On October 24, 2017, Missouri-American Water Company (“MAWC”) and Spokane Highlands Water Company (“Spokane”) (jointly referred to hereafter as the “Applicants”) filed a *Joint Application* in which they seek approval of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) for Spokane to sell, and for MAWC to purchase, substantially all of the water assets of Spokane.

2. The Applicants also requested the Certificate of Convenience and Necessity currently held by Spokane be transferred to MAWC, and requested a waiver of the notice requirement contained in Rule 4 CSR 240-4.017(1).

3. On October 25, 2017, the Commission issued an *Order Directing Notice and Order Directing Filing* (the “October 25 Order”) allowing interested persons wishing to intervene until November 21, 2017, to file an application to intervene in this matter. As of the date of this filing, no interested persons have filed a motion to intervene in this case.

4. In its October 25 Order the Commission directed Staff to file a pleading stating when it anticipates filing its recommendation in this matter no later than November 21, 2017. This filing complies with the October 25 Order.

5. Staff anticipates filing its recommendation in this matter no later than January 22, 2018.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this *Pleading* for the Commission's information and consideration and hereby requests the Commission approve Staff's anticipated January 22, 2018, date for filing its recommendation in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile, or electronically mailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 21st day of November, 2017.

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