

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

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water)
Company for a Certificate of Convenience)
and Necessity Authorizing it to Install, Own,)
Acquire, Construct Operate, Control,)
Manage and Maintain a Water System and)
Sewer System in and around the City of)
Orrick, Missouri)

File No. WA-2022-0049
File No. SA-2022-0050

STATUS REPORT

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

1. On August 25, 2021, Missouri-American Water Company (“MAWC”) filed its *Application and Motion for Waiver* with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) requesting permission, approval, and Certificates of Convenience and Necessity (“CCN”) to own, acquire, construct, operate, control, manage, and maintain the water and sewer systems for the public in an area in and around Orrick, Missouri.

2. Also on August 25, 2021, the Commission issued its *Order and Notice*, which, among other things, directed Staff to file, no later than September 24, 2021, its Recommendation or an alternative pleading.

3. Staff has issued a number of data requests to aid in its review of MAWC’s Application to which it is still awaiting responses. Staff is also scheduled to complete an on-site inspection of the City of Orrick water and sewer systems today, September 23, 2021.

4. Additionally, as of September 23, 2021, Staff is still awaiting DNR records. It is also in the process of analyzing the engineering report and appraisal documents submitted as part of MAWC’s Application and is in the process of reviewing the records

of the City of Orrick to determine a calculation of the net book value of system assets. Staff intends to provide this information to the Commission with a comparison of the rate base impact of utilizing the lower of purchase price or appraised value, together with reasonable and prudent transaction, closing, and transition costs, as the ratemaking rate base for the system.

5. In order to provide sufficient time to receive responses to its currently outstanding data requests, to provide opportunity to submit and receive responses to any necessary follow-up data requests arising from MAWC responses or from Staff's on-site inspection, and to complete its analyses referenced above, Staff respectfully requests an extension to file its Recommendation in this matter. However, due to the press of business, Staff is currently uncertain as to when it will be able to file its Recommendation, and therefore requests the Commission establish an extended filing date for Staff's Recommendation of December 23, 2021.

6. Staff will endeavor to complete its investigation as expeditiously as is practical, and should it complete its Recommendation prior to its requested filing date, it will file it at that time.

MAWC Motion for Consolidation

1. On September 8, 2021, MAWC filed its *Motion to Consolidate*, requesting the Commission consolidate the above captioned cases, designating WA-2022-0049 as the lead case. Staff does not oppose MAWC's Motion.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this *Status Report* for the Commission's information and consideration and hereby requests the Commission direct Staff to submit its Recommendation in this matter no later than December 23, 2021; 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, transmitted by facsimile, or electronically mailed to all parties and or counsel of record on this 23rd day of September, 2021.

/s/ Mark Johnson