

**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 Stewartville, Missouri)

File No. WA-2022-0311

PROPOSED LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE AND HEARING DATE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and with the agreement of Missouri-American Water Company (“MAWC”) and the Office of Public Counsel (“OPC”) (collectively, the “parties”), states as follows:

1. On July 13, 2022, the Commission issued its Order Granting Request to Have a Local Public Hearing. The order directed the parties to file on or before July 20, 2022, either a request for an extension of time or, if possible a joint pleading stating:

a. A proposed date and time of a virtual public hearing along with any other public hearing details, and

b. Proposed language to be sent to customers notifying them of the virtual public hearing, inclusive of proposed language regarding the potential bill impacts of the sale on typical residential and commercial customers.

2. The parties have conferred and agreed that the Commission may issue an order scheduling a virtual local public hearing on Monday, September 12, 2022, to be held via WebEx video and telephone conference beginning at 6:00 p.m.

3. The parties have agreed that the hearing notice may be as set out in the exemplar attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as Exhibit A. They would suggest that the Commission provide an access code and password for the notice.

4. Caveat: It is the Staff's position that the numbers provided in the notice are accurate as of July 20, 2022, but must be reviewed prior to publication to account for new WISIRA rates that may go into effect.

WHEREFORE, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, with the agreement of all parties, respectfully requests that the Commission order that a virtual local public hearing be held as described in the premises and more particularly in Exhibit A, attached hereto; and its further order approving the local public hearing notice set out in Exhibit A, attached hereto; and for such other and further orders as the Commission may deem necessary.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned by his signature below certifies that the foregoing pleading was served upon all counsel of record on this July 20, 2022 by electronic filing in EFIS, electronic mail, hand-delivery, or U.S. postage prepaid.

/s/ Paul T. Graham

NOTICE OF LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING ON MISSOURI AMERICAN WATER COMPANY’S REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE WATER AND SEWER SERVICE IN AND ABOUT THE CITY OF STEWARTSVILLE

The Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) has scheduled a local public hearing on Monday, September 12, 2022, to be held via WebEx video and telephone conference beginning at 6:00 p.m., to obtain input from the public regarding Missouri American Water Company (“MAWC”) and the City of Stewartville’s (“City”) plan for MAWC to acquire the assets which the City uses to provide water and sewer service, and to become the water and sewer utility for the City. You are encouraged to participate in this local public hearing and express your views.

MAWC requires the Commission’s authorization to provide water and sewer service in and about the City. The Commission oversees MAWC’s rates and terms of service, but not those of the City. Currently the City has higher water rates and lower sewer rates than MAWC. MAWC Residential and Commercial customers are charged the same rates. Based on currently effective rates, residential and commercial customers using 5,000 and 35,000 gallons, respectively, would see the following impacts to their monthly bills if MAWC becomes their water or sewer provider.

| | City | MAWC | Change |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Residential or Commercial Customer* | | | |
| Water (5,000 gallons) | \$84.45 | \$41.51 | (\$42.94) |
| Sewer (5,000 gallons) | \$36.60 | \$45.17 | \$8.57 |
| Total Residential Bill | \$121.05 | \$86.68 | (\$34.37) |
| | | | |
| Residential or Commercial Customer (high usage)* | | | |
| Water (35,000 gallons) | \$498.45 | \$268.03 | (\$230.42) |
| Sewer (35,000 gallons) | \$138.60 | \$453.47 | \$314.87 |
| Total Commercial Bill | \$637.05 | \$721.50 | \$84.45 |

*These are example bills based on the usage listed. Your actual bill will be based on your monthly water usage. While MAWC intends to use its existing rates for Stewartville customers, it presently has requests before the Commission to change them in Case Nos. WR-2022-0303 (water) and SR-2022-0304 (sewer). MAWC anticipates to have new water and sewer rates by June 1, 2023.

The local public hearing shall be held via WebEx video and telephone conference on September 12, 2022, beginning at 6:00 p.m. A live audio web stream at the Commission’s website, www.psc.mo.gov, will provide audio of the question and answer session and hearing. Anyone who does not intend to participate in the question-and-answer session or speak to the Commission during the hearing should listen via the web stream.

Those who intend to participate should use the following information to do so:

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| Date | Start Time | At the time of the hearing, dial 1-855-718-6621 and enter the Access Code/Password |
| September 12, 2022 | 6:00 P.M. | Access Code: TBD Password: TBD |

Anyone who needs special accommodations to participate in the hearing should call the Public Service Commission’s Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice), TDD Hotline 1-800-829-7541, or Relay Missouri at 711 at least ten days prior to the hearing.

To facilitate an orderly hearing that can be preserved for the record, members of the public who wish to make comments to the Commission during the local public hearing should register by sending their first and last name to pscinfo@psc.mo.gov, or by calling (800) 392-4211 by 5:00 p.m. the day before the hearing

The local public hearing will begin via WebEx video and telephone conference by Commission’s Staff making an informal presentation at 6:00 p.m. followed by a question-and-answer session where representatives of Missouri American Water Company, the Commission’s Staff, the City of Stewartsville, and the Office of Public Counsel will be available for questions. At the conclusion of the question-and-answer session when the Commission starts the hearing anyone may offer evidence by appearing, testifying, and/or providing documents to the Commission for it to consider.

Anyone wishing to comment on, or inquire about, Missouri American Water Company’s request may do so as follows:

Contact the Public Service Commission’s Staff by

- (a) Telephone at 1-800-392-4211;
- (b) Writing to Public Service Commission Staff, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102;
- (c) E-mail to watersewercomments@psc.mo.gov, electronically (public comments only) at https://psc.mo.gov/General/Submit_Comments (please reference case number WA-2022-0311); or

Contact the Office of the Public Counsel by

- (a) Telephone at 573-751-4857 or toll-free at 866-922-2959;
- (b) Writing to the Office of the Public Counsel, P.O. Box 2230, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, or
- (c) E-mail addressed to opcservice@opc.mo.gov.

Generally, parties can see comments, but making a comment does not make that comment evidence before the Commission.