

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of	)	
Missouri-American Water Company and	)	
Loma Linda Water Company for Authority for	)	
Missouri-American Water Company to Acquire	)	<b><u>Case No. WO-2011-0015</u></b>
Certain Assets of Loma Linda Water Company	)	
and, in Connection Therewith,	)	
Certain Other Related Transactions	)	

**STAFF'S STATUS UPDATE**  
**ON DATE STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION MAY BE FILED**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and hereby states to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) Staff's Status Report on the proposed sale and transfer of assets in this case. Staff states the following in support of its position:

1. On July 15, 2010, a Joint Application of Missouri-American Water Company and Loma Linda Water Company for Authority for Missouri-American Water Company to Acquire Certain Assets of Loma Linda Water Company and, in connection therewith, Certain Other Related Transactions (Joint Application) was filed with the Commission.

2. On August 16, 2010, the Commission issued an Order Directing Staff to File a Status Update no later than August 26, 2010. This filing responds to the Commission's Order.

3. Staff believes a Recommendation may be filed within ninety days (90) days of the filing of the Joint Application, which is October 13, 2010. If Staff is unable to file its recommendation, Staff will file a status update on October 13, 2010.

4. Additionally, Staff requests that the customers of Loma Linda Water Company receive notification from the Commission that this action is pending and that their water rates may increase, illustrating for them the existing approved rates for Loma Linda Water Company

and the existing approved rates for the Missouri-American Water Co. Joplin district that are proposed to be applied, so that the customers are provided an opportunity to comment.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff respectfully requests that the Commission grant Staff until October 13, 2010 to file its Recommendation, or status update. Staff further requests that the Commission order the customers of Loma Linda Water Company be notified of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record on this 25th day of August, 2010.

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