

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Missouri-)
American Water Company and Emerald Point)
Utility Company for Missouri-American Water)
Company to Acquire Certain Water and Sewer) **File No. WO-2014-0113**
Assets of the Emerald Point Utility Company in)
Connection Therewith, Certain Other Related)
Transactions.)

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Missouri-)
American Water Company and Emerald Point)
Utility Company for Missouri-American Water)
Company to Acquire Certain Water and Sewer) **File No. SO-2014-0116**
Assets of the Emerald Point Utility Company in)
Connection Therewith, Certain Other Related)
Transactions.)

STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and, for its recommendation on the application that initiated the above case, states:

1. On October 25, 2013, Missouri-American Water Company (“MAWC”) and Emerald Pointe Utility Company (“Emerald Pointe”) filed a joint application before the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking authority for Emerald Pointe to sell substantially all its assets to MAWC.

2. On October 28, 2013, the Commission entered an *Order Directing Notice, Setting Intervention Deadline and Directing Filing*, which directed Staff to investigate the sale and file a report with the Commission no later than December 10, 2013.

3. On December 10, 2013, Staff requested an extension of time for filing its recommendation, which the Commission granted on December 16, 2013, ordering Staff to file its recommendation by January 24, 2014.

4. Staff made efforts to complete a thorough investigation in a timely manner and now offers its recommendation to approve the joint application of MAWC and Emerald Pointe. Staff recommends any order approving the sale and transfer of assets include such requirements as detailed in Staff's *Memorandum*, attached hereto as Appendix A.

WHEREFORE, Staff hereby submits its recommendation for approval of the joint application seeking authority for Emerald Pointe to sell substantially all its assets to MAWC and asks the Commission to issue an order that includes the provisions laid out in Staff's *Memorandum*.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed with first-class postage, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 24th day of January, 2014.

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