

**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)	Case Nos. WM-2018-0104
Of Spokane Highlands and, in)	Tariff No. YW-2018-0116
Connection Therewith,)	
Certain Other Related Transactions.)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE TARIFF SHEETS

COMES NOW the Public Service Commission Staff (Staff), by and through counsel, and for its *Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheets* in this matter hereby states:

1. On March 7, 2018, the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) issued an *Order Approving Transfer of Assets (Order)*, which required Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) to submit tariff sheets in compliance with the order to become effective prior to closing on the assets being purchased.

2. On March 19, 2018, MAWC filed water tariff sheets under Tariff Tracking No. YW-2018-0116.

3. MAWC also filed a *Motion for Expedited Treatment*, requesting that the proposed tariff sheets be approved to become effective on April 3, 2018, which is the date that MAWC intends to close on the transaction.

4. The Commission, by the *Order Directing Filing of Staff Recommendation* filed on March 19, 2018, directed Staff to file a recommendation regarding the proposed compliance tariff sheets and the *Motion for Expedited Treatment* no later than March 22, 2018.

5. Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets filed by MAWC on March 19 and finds them to be compliant with the *Staff Recommendation* and the Commission's *Order*. Staff does not object to or otherwise oppose MAWC's *Motion for Expedited Treatment*. Thus, Staff recommends approval of:

P.S.C. MO No. 13

4th Revised Sheet No. RT 1.3, canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. RT 1.3
4th Revised Sheet No. RT 9.2, canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. RT 9.2
6th Revised Sheet No. CA TOC A, canceling 5th Revised Sheet No. CA TOC A
5th Revised Sheet No. CA TOC B, canceling 4th Revised Sheet No. CA TOC B
1st Revised Sheet No. CA TOC C, canceling Original Sheet No. CA TOC C
Original Sheet No. CA 15.31
Original Sheet No. CA 15.32.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this *Staff Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheets*, Staff prays that the Commission accept *Staff's Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheets*, and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Alexandra L. Klaus

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all parties and or their counsel of record on this 21st day of March, 2018.

/s/ Alexandra L. Klaus

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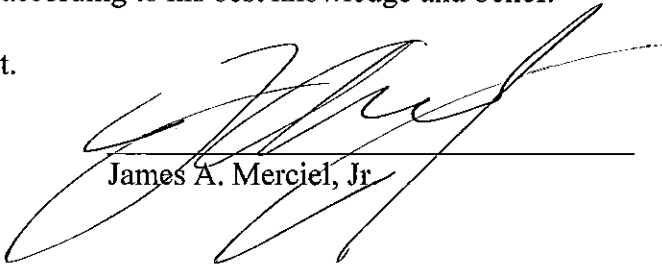
File No. WM-2018-0104

AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES A. MERCIEL, JR.

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW James A. Merciel, Jr., and on his oath states that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheets*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

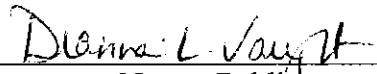
Further the Affiant sayeth not.



James A. Merciel, Jr

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 21st day of March, 2018.



Notary Public

DIANNA L. VAUGHT
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for Cole County
My Commission Expires: June 28, 2019
Commission Number: 15207377