

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Missouri-)
American Water Company and Aqua Missouri,)
Inc., Aqua Development, Inc. and Aqua /RU, Inc.)
d/b/a Aqua Missouri, Inc. for Authority for)
Missouri- American Water Company to Acquire)
Certain Assets of Aqua Missouri, Inc., Aqua)
Development, Inc. and Aqua /RU, Inc. d/b/a Aqua)
Missouri, Inc. and, in connection therewith, Certain)
Other Related Transactions.)

Case No. WO-2011-0168 &
Case No. SO-2011-0169

**THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL’S REQUEST
FOR ORDER DIRECTING CUSTOMER NOTICE**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and for its Request for Order Directing Customer Notice states as follows:

1. On December 13, 2010, Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC), Aqua Missouri, Inc., Aqua Development, Inc., and Aqua/RU, Inc. d/b/a Aqua Missouri, Inc. (collectively Aqua-Missouri) filed a Joint Application with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) requesting that the Commission issue an order authorizing Aqua-Missouri to sell and MAWC to acquire the assets of Aqua-Missouri to include the certificates of convenience and necessity held by these entities or, in the alternative a certificate to provide water and sewer service in the areas now served by those entities.
2. The Joint Application states that MAWC proposes to serve the customers of Aqua-Missouri utilizing the existing rates, the rules and regulations of Aqua-Missouri, until such time as the rates or rules and regulations may be modified according to law. According to the Joint Application, this proposal will affect approximately 1,590 water customers and approximately 2,247 sewer customers currently served by Aqua-Missouri.

3. Public Counsel believes it is imperative that Aqua-Missouri's current customers be notified of the proposal for MAWC to purchase the assets of Aqua-Missouri and the proposed change in their water and/or sewer utility provider. Public Counsel also believes that customers should have the opportunity to comment to the Commission on the proposal as the customers will be directly affected by the proposed change in utility provider.

4. Public Counsel has been in contact with the attorneys for MAWC and Aqua-Missouri and has been unable to verify whether Aqua-Missouri's current customers have been or will be notified of the proposed change in their utility service provider.

5. Therefore, Public Counsel requests that the Commission issue an order directing customer notice to Aqua-Missouri's current customers. Public Counsel requests that notice be provided in a timely manner to allow sufficient time for customer comments, and for those comments to be received well in advance of any recommendations or position statements by parties to this case.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully requests that the Commission issue an Order Directing Customer Notice.

Respectfully submitted,

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