

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

In the Matter of an Investigation Into
The Operations and Condition of
Tri-States Utility, Inc.

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Case No. WO-2013-0403

JOINT MOTION TO CLOSE FILE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel, by and through counsel, and for their *Joint Motion to Close File*, state as follows:

1. On February 26, 2013, the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff) and the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed a *Joint Motion to Open an Investigation* into the operations and condition of Tri-States Utility, Inc. (Tri-States), a Missouri business engaged in the sale of water to the public.
2. On March 6, 2013, the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) issued an *Order Opening an Investigation into the Operations and Condition of Tri-States Utility, Inc.*, ordering Staff to undertake an investigation.
3. On June 12, 2013, in a separate action, Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) and Tri-States filed a *Joint Application and if Necessary Motion for Waiver*, which was assigned Case No. WO-2013-0517, asking the Commission to authorize a transaction between the parties by which MAWC would acquire substantially all of the assets of Tri-States.

4. On June 13, 2013, in Case No. WO-2013-0517, the Commission ordered Staff to investigate the application of MAWC and Tri-States, an investigation that would include examination of the conditions and operations of Tri-States, achieving the purpose and intent of the instant case.

5. In light of WA-2013-0517, Staff and Public Counsel agree the above-captioned case, WO-2013-0403, is no longer necessary.

WHEREFORE, as it appears the file opened for the purpose of allowing Staff to investigate the condition and operation of Tri-States is no longer necessary, in the interest of efficiency, Staff and Public Counsel move the Commission to close this case.

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 18th day of July, 2013.

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