

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

In the Matter of an Investigation into the Operations and Conditions of Tri-States Utility, Inc.)
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File No. WO-2013-0403

ORDER CLOSING FILE

Issue Date: July 30, 2013

Effective Date: July 30, 2013

The Commission opened this case on March 6, 2013 at the request of Staff and Public Counsel to facilitate an investigation into the operations of Tri-States Utility, Inc. On July 18, Staff and Public Counsel filed a joint motion asking the Commission to close the file. The motion explains that Missouri-American Water Company and Tri-States have asked the Commission to approve Missouri-American's proposal to acquire the assets of Tri-States. In light of that action, Staff and Public Counsel agree that a separate investigation is no longer needed and ask that this file be closed. No other party has responded to the joint motion.

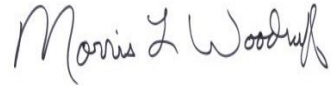
The Commission finds the joint motion to be reasonable and will close this file.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Joint Motion to Close File is granted.
2. This file shall be closed.

3. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" and "W".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 30th day of July, 2013.