

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Petition of)
Missouri-American Water Company for) **File No. WO-2020-0410**
Approval to Change an Infrastructure) **Tariff No. YW-2021-0048**
System Replacement Surcharge (ISRS))

ORDER SETTING HEARING AND DIRECTING JOINT PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: November 9, 2020

Effective Date: November 9, 2020

On August 28, 2020, Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) filed a petition to change its infrastructure system replacement surcharge (ISRS) rate schedules to allow for recovery of costs for eligible infrastructure system replacements in its St. Louis County service area. Section 393.1006, RSMo (2016), requires the Commission to issue an order to become effective not later than 120 days after an ISRS petition is filed. The Commission's order in this case must be effective no later than December 26, 2020.

On October 27, 2020, the Staff of the Commission filed its recommendation, which included a recommendation the Commission approve a revised ISRS revenue amount and reject MAWC's tariff filing. On November 6, 2020, the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) filed an objection to Staff's recommendation and requested an evidentiary hearing in this case.

To provide adequate notice of hearing and sufficient time for decision, the Commission will schedule this case for hearing on November 20, 2020. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the hearing will be conducted by telephone and video conference, accessible by Webex.

In addition, the Commission will direct the parties to file a joint proposed procedural schedule. No later than November 12, 2020, the parties shall propose a schedule to resolve this case through an evidentiary hearing on November 20, 2020. If the parties agree the issues are limited to legal issues, the parties may also suggest an alternative schedule, including oral argument on November 20, 2020, and a briefing schedule.

The Commission will direct the parties to specify whether the parties will pre-file testimony. If so, the parties' joint procedural schedule must include deadlines for testimony. In addition, the proposed schedule must include deadlines for a joint stipulation of facts; a list of issues, and order of witnesses, cross-examination and opening; and position statements. The parties may presume that expedited transcripts will be available by close of business two business days after hearing, and the Commission will order post-hearing briefs to be filed no later than November 30, 2020.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission shall hold an evidentiary hearing at 9:15 a.m. November 20, 2020.
2. A telephone and video conference, accessible by Webex, has been established for the hearing on November 20, 2020. The conference may be accessed by phone by dialing, toll-free 1 (855) 718-6621 and entering access code **177 793 8781**, followed by #, at the appropriate time. As an alternative to the toll-free line, the conference may also be accessed by dialing 1 (650) 479-3207.
3. A Webex link will be distributed by e-mail to all parties.
4. A live web stream at the Commission's website, www.psc.mo.gov, will provide audio of the hearing for those who wish to observe.

5. No later than November 12, 2020, the parties shall advise the Commission whether the parties will pre-file testimony and shall submit a joint proposed procedural schedule, as described above.

6. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Jana C. Jacobs, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo (2016).

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 9th day of November, 2020.