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Missouri Public
Service Commission

Mr. Dale H. Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge
Public Service Commission
P.O. Box 360
Jefferson City, MO 65102-0360

RE: Missouri American Water Company
Case No.: WR-2000-281, et al.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed herewith for filing please find an original and fourteen copies of Intervenor City of Joplin's Suggestions in Support of Office of Public Counsel's Motion for Order Scheduling Local Public Hearings and Request for Expedited Consideration regarding the above-referenced cause of action. An additional copy has been enclosed to be stamped "filed".

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Service Commission

In the Matter of Missouri-American)
Water Company's Tariff Sheets Designed)
to Implement General Rate Increases for) Case No. WR-2000-281, et al.
Water and Sewer Service Provided to)
Customers in the Missouri Service Area)
of the Company.)

INTERVENOR CITY OF JOPLIN'S SUGGESTIONS
IN SUPPORT OF OFFICE OF PUBLIC COUNSEL'S MOTION
FOR ORDER SCHEDULING LOCAL PUBLIC
HEARINGS AND REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION

COMES NOW the City of Joplin, Missouri, an Intervenor in this case, and states that it fully supports and joins in the Motion filed by the Office of Public Counsel on or about April 4, 2000, requesting an Order of this Commission scheduling local public hearings.

Intervenor City of Joplin intends to participate in such local public hearings, including those local public hearings scheduled for Joplin, Missouri, and believes that the schedule, notification requirements and necessity for expedited consideration as set forth in the Office of Public Counsel's Motion are reasonable, appropriate and necessary to effectuating such local public hearings.

WHEREFORE, the City of Joplin respectfully requests that the Commission issue its Order scheduling local public hearings and providing adequate notice to the public as set forth in the April 4, 2000 Motion of the Office of Public Counsel, that the Commission give such Motion expedited consideration, and for such other and further orders as the Commission deems appropriate in the circumstances.

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Respectfully submitted,

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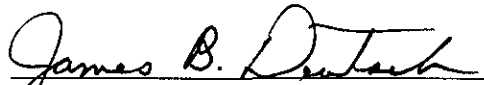
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