

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

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Missouri-American)
Water Company and Tri States Utility, Inc. for Authority)
for Missouri-American Water Company to Acquire Certain) **File No. WO-2013-0517**
Assets of Tri States Utility, Inc. and in Connection)
Therewith, Certain Other Related Transactions)

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING INTERVENTION DEADLINE
AND DIRECTING FILING**

Issue Date: June 13, 2013

Effective Date: June 13, 2013

On June 12, 2013, Missouri-American Water Company (“MAWC”) and Tri States Utility, Inc. (“Tri States”) filed a joint application seeking authority for Tri States to sell substantially all its assets to MAWC. MAWC is a regulated water and sewer company providing water and sewer service to the public in a number of counties in Missouri. Tri States is a regulated water company providing water service to approximately 3,375 customers in Taney County, Missouri. The Commission will direct notice, set a deadline, and direct its Staff to investigate and file a recommendation.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission’s Data Center shall mail a copy of this notice and order to the County Commission of Taney County, Missouri and to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.
2. The Commission’s Public Information Officer shall provide notice of this order to the media serving Tri States’ service area and to the members of the General Assembly representing Taney County, Missouri.

3. Any person or entity wishing to intervene in this matter shall file an application no later than July 5, 2013 with:

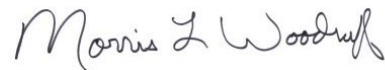
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or by using the Commission's electronic filing and information service.

4. The Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall investigate and file a recommendation on this application no later than July 25, 2013.

5. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Michael Bushmann, Regulatory Law Judge
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 13th day of June, 2013.