

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

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water )  
Company for Certificates of Convenience )  
And Necessity Authorizing it to Install, )  
Own, Acquire, Construct, Operate, Control, ) Case No. WA-2018-0222  
Manage, and Maintain Water and Sewer )  
Systems In and around the City of Lawson, )  
Missouri )

**AFFIDAVIT OF MATT NOLKER**

STATE OF MISSOURI )  
 ) SS.  
COUNTY OF Ray )

COMES NOW, Matt Nolker, being over the age of 18 and duly sworn, states:

1. I am the assistant City Administrator for the City of Lawson, Missouri. This affidavit is based on my personal knowledge.
2. I am of sound mind and competent to testify on the matters contained herein.
3. The City of Lawson entered into negotiations with Missouri American Water Company in April of 2017 for the sale of the city's water and sewer utility assets.
4. In November of 2017, the City of Lawson voters, voted to approve the sale of the city's water and sewer utility assets to Missouri American Water Company with an 88% approval of those voting on the measure.
5. The application for the transfer of assets was filed by Missouri American Water Company before the Public Service Commission on February 12, 2018.
6. Since that time the City has been working to prepare itself and city employees for the transfer, in anticipation that the transfer would be approved.


7. The size of the City's staff has been adjusted through attrition and members planning to go to work for Missouri American Water Company. The City has been hesitant to rehire people the City knows would only have to be laid off when the transition occurs. Because of this staffing shortfall, the City is having difficulty in providing needed utility services in a timely manner due to these constraints.

8. Additionally, the City has currently spent roughly \$100,000.00 in repairs and maintenance that was unplanned and not provided for in the City's budget due to the delays in the PSC approval process. The City has also spent over \$4,000.00 in overtime for maintenance staff in the same time period.

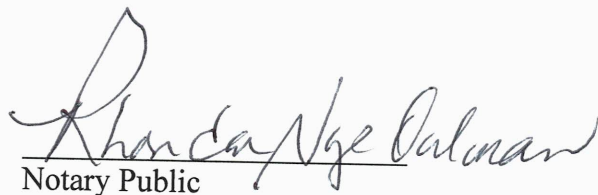
9. The continued delay in the transfer of the utility assets to Missouri American Water Company is creating a financial burden for the City, and a service burden for its citizens.

The facts set forth herein are based on my personal knowledge and are true to the best of my information, knowledge and belief.

Further affiant sayeth not.

  
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Matt Nolker

Subscribed and sworn before me a Notary Public this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

  
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Notary Public

My Commission Expires: MARCH 18, 2019

