

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

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water)	
Company for a Certificate of Convenience and)	<u>File No. WA-2015-0019</u>
Necessity Authorizing it to Install, Own, Acquire,)	YS-2015-0234
Construct, Operate, Control, Manage, and)	YW-2015-0232
Maintain Water and Sewer systems in Lincoln)	
County, Missouri)	

**STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO
APPROVE TARIFF SHEETS**

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its recommendation that the Commission find the tariff sheets Missouri-American Water Company ("MAWC") filed January 2, 2015, comply with the Commission's November 5, 2014, *Order Granting Certificate of Convenience and Necessity*, find good cause to make the tariff sheets effective on less than 30 days' notice, and allow time for "the public counsel or any corporation or person or public utility interested therein" to exercise the right § 386.500.1, RSMo, gives them to apply for a rehearing before the order approving the tariff sheets takes effect respectfully states:

1. On January 2, 2015, MAWC filed tariff sheets bearing effective dates of February 1, 2015, which the Commission assigned Tariff File nos. YW-2015-0232 and YS-2015-0234, and MAWC filed its *Motion for Expedited Treatment*, requesting that the Commission make the tariff sheets "effective as soon as the Commission has the opportunity to address this matter." The tariff sheet numbers follow:

Tariff File no. YW-2015-0232

P.S.C. MO. No. 13

3rd Revised Certificated Area Table of Contents Sheet No. B, Cancelling 2nd Revised Certificated Area Table of Contents Sheet No. B

Original Certificated Area Sheet No. CA 12.1

Original Certificated Area Sheet No. CA 12.2

2nd Revised Table of Contents Sheet 1, Cancelling 1st Revised Table of Contents Sheet No. 1

Original Sheet No. RT 1.10

1st Revised Sheet No. RT 9.2, Cancelling Original Sheet No. RT 9.2

Tariff File no. YS-2015-0234

P.S.C. MO. No. 7

1st Revised Index Sheet No. A, Cancelling Original Index Sheet No. A

2nd Revised SHEET No. 5, Cancelling 1st Revised SHEET No. 5

2nd Revised Sheet No. 6, Cancelling 1st Revised Sheet No. 6

1st Revised Sheet No. 9a, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 9a

1st Revised Sheet No. 9b, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 9b

1st Revised Sheet No. 9c, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 9c

1st Revised Sheet No. 9D, Cancelling Original Sheet No. 9D

Original Sheet No. 9.1

2. In response, on January 5, 2015, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Staff to File a Recommendation*, ordering Staff to file, by no later than January 9, 2015, a “recommendation, informing the Commission of whether the tariff sheets are compliant.”

3. Staff has reviewed the tariff sheets MAWC filed and determined that they comply with the Commission’s November 5, 2014 order.

4. In support of its Motion for Expedited Treatment, MAWC states that an early effective date will further the public interest by reducing the gap between the date the transaction closed, which was December 19, 2014, and the date that the rates go into effect.

5. Section 393.140(11) RSMo, requires good cause for the Commission to allow MAWC's proposed tariff sheets to take effect on less than thirty (30) days' notice. However, a Commission order that approves tariff sheets to go into effect on less than thirty days' notice must still allow time for "the public counsel or any corporation or person or public utility interested therein" to exercise the right § 386.500.1, RSMo, gives them to apply for a rehearing before the order takes effect.

6. Because the tariff sheets MAWC filed comply with the Commission's order, are designed to establish MAWC's rates for water and sewer service in the Anna Meadows subdivision, where MAWC began providing service upon the closing of the acquisition, there is good cause for allowing these tariff sheets to become effective as soon as reasonably possible.

7. The Staff has verified that MAWC is current on the filing of its annual reports and assessments. Staff is not aware of any other matter before the Commission that affects or is affected by this filing.

8. This pleading is verified by the attached affidavit of James A. Merciel, Jr., Utility Regulatory Engineering Supervisor in the Water and Sewer Unit.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission approve the above-referenced tariff sheets Missouri-American Water Company filed on January 2, 2015, to go into effect no earlier than two days after the Commission's order approving them.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing was mailed, electronically mailed, or hand-delivered to all parties to this cause on this 8th day of January, 2015.

/s/ Whitney Hampton

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AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES A. MERCIEL, JR., P.E.

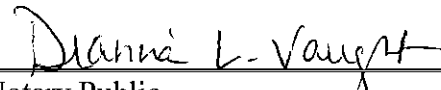
STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss
 COUNTY OF COLE)

James A. Merciel, Jr., P.E., of lawful age, on his oath states: (1) that he is the Assistant Manager – Engineering in the Water and Sewer Unit of the Missouri Public Service Commission; (2) that he participated in the preparation of the foregoing *Staff's Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheets*; (3) that information in the *Staff's Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheets* was provided by him; (4) that he has knowledge of matters set forth in the *Staff's Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheets*; and (5) that such matters set forth in the *Staff's Recommendation to Approve Tariff Sheets* are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



 James A. Merciel, Jr., P.E.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of January 2015.



 Notary Public

DIANNA L. VAUGHT Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Cole County My Commission Expires: June 28, 2015 Commission Number: 11207377
