

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

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water)
Company’s Request for Authority to Implement) **Case No. WR-2010-0131**
A General Rate Increase for Water and Sewer)
Service Provided in Missouri Service Areas.)

STAFF’S RECOMMENDATION ON CONSOLIDATED TARIFF

Comes now the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), through the undersigned attorney, and files this *Staff Recommendation* and states to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) as follows:

1. On June 16, 2010, the Commission issued its Report and Order in the above-referenced matter which, among other things, approved a Stipulation and Agreement entered into by a number of the Parties. One of the provisions of that Stipulation and Agreement involved the agreement to establish Collaborative Groups to study the need, procedure and options regarding a consolidated tariff. Specifically, paragraphs 16 and of the Stipulation and Agreement stated:

16. **Consolidation of Tariff.** Rules, Regulations and Conditions of Service shall not be consolidated for MAWC’s operating districts in this case. A collaborative group consisting of MAWC, Public Counsel, Staff and any interested party to this case will be established to study the need, procedure and options for future implementation of consolidated Rules, Regulations and Conditions of Service tariff for MAWC’s operating districts. MAWC will expressly and in good faith identify to the collaborative group and discuss what, if any, changes are being proposed from existing tariff rules on a district by district basis. If the parties to the collaborative group cannot agree on such tariff consolidation by November 1, 2010, then they will bring their unresolved issues to the Commission for adjudication.

2. Beginning on July 22, 2010, representatives of Staff, MAWC, City of Riverside, City of Joplin, Ag Processing, City of St. Joseph, Warrensburg and Office of the Public Counsel

began a series of meetings to discuss the need, procedure and options for new or reasonable terms and conditions for the existing main extension rules and the possibility of a consolidated tariff.

3. On August 26, 2011, MAWC filed a proposed tariff, seeking an effective date of October 1, 2011. After conversations with Staff, on September 29, 2011, MAWC filed to extend the effective date until October 15, 2011. MAWC filed a substitute tariff on October 3, 2011 and again on October 13, 2011.

4. The Commission has the authority to approve the proposed tariff pursuant to Section 393.140(11), RSMo (2000).

5. Jim Merciel, Utility Regulatory Engineering Supervisor, reviewed the tariff filed with the Commission, and states that to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief, that the proposed tariff substantially complies with the agreements reached during the many collaborative meetings. *See Affidavit of James A. Merciel, Jr., P.E.*, attached and incorporated by reference herein as Attachment A.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully submits this *Staff Recommendation* and respectfully recommends the Commission approve the Company's filing.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or by electronic mail to all counsel of record on this 14th day of October, 2011.

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