

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

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water)
Company's Request for Authority to)
Implement General Rate Increase for Water)
and Sewer Service Provided in Missouri)
Service Areas)

Case No. WR-2022-0303

RESPONSE TO ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Comes now the Office of the Public Counsel (the “OPC”) and in response to the Public Service Commission of the State of Missouri’s (the “Commission) Order Directing Filing (the “October 24, 2022 Order,” Doc. 53)¹ respectfully states as follows:

1. On August 17, 2022, the Commission entered an Order Setting Procedural Schedule and scheduled a True-Up Hearing for April 4, 2023. (Doc. 44).
2. In the October 24, 2022 Order, the Commission stated that it has a conflict on April 4, 2023, and ordered the parties “to submit conflict dates for the week of March 27, 2023.” (Oct. 24, 2022 Order 1).
3. The OPC currently has no conflicts for the week of March 27, 2023.
4. The OPC joins the Staff of the Commission and Missouri-American Water Company in suggesting that the Commission reschedule the hearing for March 30, 2023. (*See* Docs. 54, 55). This date allows the Parties time to prepare after filing true-up rebuttal testimony on March 27, 2023, and avoids the date on which the Parties’ initial post-hearing briefs are due, March 31, 2023.

¹ References to document numbers represent the document numbers assigned in the Electronic Filing Information System (“EFIS”).

WHEREFORE, the Office of the Public Counsel respectfully submits this response for the Commission's consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the forgoing have been mailed, emailed, or hand-delivered to all counsel of record this 3rd day of November 2022.

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