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.

File No. WR-2022-0303 YW-2023-0201; YS-2023-0202

<u>SECOND MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT</u> AND APPROVAL OF COMPLIANCE TARIFFS

COMES NOW Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC or Company), by and through counsel, and for its *Second Motion for Expedited Treatment* pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.080(14) and its request for approval of certain revised water and sewer tariff sheets being submitted pursuant to the *Report and Order* issued on May 10, 2023, respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

1. With its *Report and Order*, the Commission authorized MAWC "to file tariff sheets in compliance sufficient to recover revenues approved in compliance with [the] order." On May 3, 2023, MAWC caused to be filed with the Commission revised water and sewer tariff sheets designed to effectuate the decisions made by the Commission in its *Report and Order* (*Tracking Numbers YW-2023-0196 and YS-2023-0197*). MAWC further filed a *Motion for Expedited Treatment* on that date requesting that the tariff sheets be made effective on May 28, 2023.

2. After further discussion with the Office of the Public Counsel, MAWC has filed certain additional water and sewer tariff sheets that bear an issue date of May 10, 2023, and a proposed effective date of June 9, 2023 (30 days thereafter) (*Tracking Numbers YW-2023-0201 and YS-2023-0202*). These sheets are designed to address an additional provision of the

Stipulation and Agreement approved by the Commission's *Report and Order* (elimination of the late payment charges) and were inadvertently not included in the original tariff filings.

3. MAWC does not believe that thirty days' notice for these tariff sheets to become effective is necessary or appropriate under the circumstances. As stated in the prior *Motion for Expedited Treatment*, while RSMo. §393.140(11) indicates that thirty days' notice is generally required, MAWC believes that the purpose of that requirement has been fully satisfied in this case, and §393.140(11) specifically provides that, for good cause shown, the Commission may allow changes without requiring thirty days' notice.

4. Good cause for allowing these revised tariffs to become effective on less than thirty days' notice is shown by the following: (a) the tariff sheets are being filed in compliance with the Commission's *Report and Order*; (b) the Commission and the public have been aware of MAWC's request for a rate increase for over ten months; (c) the Commission and the parties, through the rate case process, have been able to consider all aspects of the Company's request and the possible impact of a rate increase; and, (d) the "operation of law" date herein is May 28, 2023.

5. Pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.080(14)(B), MAWC states the grant of the Motion will provide the benefit of a timely implementation of agreements of the parties and order of the Commission, and that the granting of this motion will not have a negative effect on MAWC customers or the public in general.

6. MAWC states that this motion is being filed as soon as the subject tariff sheets could be prepared after the issue was brought to its attention, and, pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080(14)(A), requests that the Commission act on this motion as soon as possible

2

and issue its order approving MAWC's compliance tariffs to take effect on May 28, 2023, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.

WHEREFORE, MAWC respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order approving the Company's compliance tariff sheets (*Tracking Numbers YW-2023-0201 and YS-2023-0202*) on less than thirty days' notice and granting such other and further relief as the Commission deems necessary or appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

Car

Dean L. Cooper, Mo. Bar #36592 BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND P.C. 312 East Capitol Avenue P.O. Box 456 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0456 Telephone: (573) 635-7166 Facsimile: (573) 635-0427 dcooper@brydonlaw.com

Timothy W. Luft, Mo Bar #40506 Rachel L. Niemeier, Mo. Bar #56073 **MISSOURI-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY** 727 Craig Road St. Louis, MO 63141 (314) 996-2279 (314) 997-2451 (telefax) <u>Timothy. Luft@amwater.com</u> <u>Rachel.Niemeier@amwater.com</u>

ATTORNEYS FOR MISSOURI-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been sent by electronic mail to all counsel of record this 10th day of May 2023.

D1.Com