

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Missouri-American)
Water Company for an Accounting Authority Order) **File No. WU-2012-0198**
Related to the Tornado in Joplin, Missouri)

ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO FILE ITS RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: January 18, 2012

Effective Date: January 18, 2012

On December 23, 2011, Missouri-American Water Company, filed an application for an accounting authority order (AAO) that would authorize deferred accounting treatment for certain costs related to damage resulting from the tornado that struck Joplin, Missouri in May, 2011. The Commission directed that notice of Missouri-American's AAO filing be sent to all parties in the company's current rate case, WR-2011-0337. The Commission also established January 17, 2012, as the deadline to file an application to intervene. No applications to intervene have been filed.

Before acting on Missouri-American's application, the Commission will require a recommendation from its Staff.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Staff shall file its recommendation regarding Missouri-American Water Company's application for an accounting authority order no later than February 23, 2012.

2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Reed', is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary.

Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 18th day of January, 2012.