

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 Authorizing It)
to Defer and Accumulate Costs and)
Financial Impacts Related to COVID-19)

File No. WU-2020-0417

ORDER ADOPTING PARTIAL PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: August 13, 2020

Effective Date: August 13, 2020

On June 26, 2020, Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) applied for an accounting authority order to permitting it to accumulate and defer to a regulatory asset for consideration of recovery in future rate case proceedings all extraordinary costs and financial impacts incurred as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, plus associated carrying costs. The parties met in a procedural conference via video and telephone on August 10, 2020. On August 11, 2020, MAWC filed a proposed procedural schedule on behalf of all the parties.

Because the parties have agreed to the filing of direct testimony on August 17, 2020, the Commission will adopt the testimony portions of the proposed procedural schedule. The Commission will address the remaining parts of the procedural schedule in a separate order.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The following deadlines for the filing of testimony are established as recommended by the parties:

Item to be Filed	Date
Direct Testimony	August 17, 2020
Rebuttal Testimony	September 28, 2020
Surrebuttal Testimony	October 22, 2020

2. The parties shall comply with the following procedural requirements:
- (A) All parties must comply with the requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.130 for prepared testimony, including the requirement that testimony be filed on line-numbered pages.
 - (B) All parties shall provide copies of testimony (including schedules), exhibits, and pleadings to other counsel of record by electronic means and in electronic form, essentially concurrently with the filing of such testimony, exhibits, or pleadings where the information is available in electronic format (.PDF, .DOC, .WPD, .XLS, etc.). Parties are not required to put information that does not exist in electronic format into electronic format for purposes of exchanging it.
 - (C) Public documents filed in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS) shall be considered properly served by serving those documents on counsel of record for all other parties via e-mail. To provide additional security, confidential documents are considered served when filed in EFIS and shall not be served via e-mail.
 - (D) Counsel for each party shall receive electronically from all other parties serving a data request, an electronic copy of the text of the "description" of that data request contemporaneously with service of the data request. Data requests issued to or by Staff shall be submitted and responded to in EFIS, if feasible, or in electronic format on compact disc, or by other means agreed to by counsel, if infeasible. Also regarding Staff issued data requests, if the description contains highly confidential or proprietary information, or is voluminous, a hyperlink to the EFIS record of that data request shall be considered a sufficient copy. If a party desires the response to a data request that has been served on another party, the party desiring a copy of the response must request a copy of the response from the party answering the data request. Data requests, objections to data requests, and notifications respecting the need for additional time to respond to data requests shall be sent by e-mail to counsel for the other parties. Counsel may designate other personnel to be added to the service list for data requests, but shall assume responsibility for compliance with any restrictions on confidentiality. Data request responses shall be served on counsel for the requesting party, unless waived by counsel, and on the requesting party's employee or representative who submitted the data request, and shall be served electronically, if feasible and not voluminous as defined by Commission rule.
 - (E) The parties shall make an effort to not include confidential information in data requests. If confidential information must be included in a data

request, the confidential information shall be appropriately designated as such pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135.

- (F) The response time for all data requests shall be fifteen (15) calendar days, with five (5) business days to object or notify the requesting party that more than fifteen (15) days will be needed to provide the requested information. If a data request has been responded to, a party's request for a copy of the response shall be timely responded to without waiting the full response time allowed.
 - (G) Workpapers prepared in the course of developing a testimony shall not be filed with the Commission, but shall be submitted to each party within two (2) business days following the filing of the particular testimony, unless a party has indicated that it does not want to receive some or all of the workpapers. Workpapers containing confidential information shall be appropriately marked. If there are no workpapers associated with testimony, the party's attorney shall so notify the other parties within the time allowed for providing those workpapers.
 - (H) Where workpapers or data request responses include models, spreadsheets, or similar information originally in a commonly available format where inputs or parameters may be changed to observe changes in inputs, the party providing the workpaper or response shall provide this type of information in the original format, if available, with formulas intact.
3. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo (2016).

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 13th day of August, 2020.