

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held by telephone and internet audio conference on the 7th day of April, 2021.

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

File No. WR-2020-0344

ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

Issue Date: April 7, 2021

Effective Date: May 7, 2021

On June 30, 2020, Missouri-American Water Company (Missouri-American) filed tariff sheets designed to implement a general rate increase for water and sewer services in its Missouri service areas. The Commission suspended the tariff sheets until May 27, 2021, and set a procedural schedule including a hearing. On March 5, 2021, the parties, with the exception of The Empire District Electric Company, Municipal League of Metro St. Louis and Triumph Foods, LLC, filed a *Stipulation and Agreement* that resolves all the contested issues. After suspending the procedural schedule, the Commission held an on-the-record presentation of the agreement on March 29, 2021.

Commission regulations allow non-signatory parties seven days to object to a nonunanimous stipulation and agreement.¹ If no party timely objects, the Commission may treat the agreement as unanimous.² More than seven days have passed since the agreement was filed and no party objected. Thus, the Commission will treat the agreement as unanimous.

¹ 20 CSR 4240-2.115(2)(B).

² 20 CSR 4240-2.115(2)(C).

The agreement provides for a total revenue requirement for Missouri-American of \$348 million (\$335,240,042 for water operations and \$12,759,958 for sewer operations). This is an approximate \$30 million overall revenue requirement increase and includes the reset of the infrastructure system replacement surcharge to zero on the effective date of new rates. The parties agreed to the various billing determinants, rates, and that Missouri-American will keep its existing tariff groups and districts. The parties reached various other detailed agreements which are included in the agreement and its attachments and incorporated in this order by reference.

After reviewing the unopposed agreement, the Commission determines that its terms are a reasonable resolution of the issues and will result in just a reasonable rates. The Commission will approve the agreement.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The *Stipulation and Agreement* filed on March 5, 2021, is approved. The signatory parties are ordered to comply with the terms of the agreement. A copy of the *Stipulation and Agreement* and its attachments are attached to this order and incorporated by reference.
2. The tariff sheets filed by Missouri-American on June 30, 2020, and assigned Tracking Nos. YW-2020-0220 and JS-2020-0221, are rejected.
3. Missouri-American is authorized to file tariff sheets sufficient to recover revenues as determined by the Commission in this order.
4. This order shall become effective on May 7, 2021.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris Woodruff
Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Kenney, Rupp, Coleman, and
Holsman CC., concur and certify compliance
with the provisions of Section 536.080, RSMo (2016).

Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge