BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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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

MAWC'S RESPONSE TO OPC'S MOTION TO AMEND HEARING SCHEDULE

COMES NOW Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) and for its *Response to OPC Motion to Amend Hearing Schedule*, respectfully states to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) as follows:

1. On February 24, 2023, the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) filed its *Motion to Amend Hearing Schedule*. MAWC has no objection to moving the ROE/Capital Structure/Cost of Debt and Allowance for Funds Used During Construction issues from February 28, 2023, to March 9, 2023, as proposed by that Motion.

2. However, MAWC notes that travel arrangements have been set for most of its witnesses. Thus, MAWC does not believe that there will be issues that it is able to move forward into the Tuesday time slot that would be vacated by the ROE/Capital Structure/Cost of Debt and Allowance for Funds Used During Construction issues. Thus, MAWC would anticipate the following issues being tried on February 27 and 28:

Openings Overview and Regulatory Policy Regulatory Deferrals Customer Program Late Fees

WHEREFORE, MAWC respectfully requests that the Commission consider its response to OPC's *Motion to Amend Hearing Schedule* and issue such orders as it may find to be reasonable and just.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 24th day of February 2023.

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