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)

Case No. WR-2022-0303

Tariff No. YW-2023-0221

STAFF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), through counsel, and recommends that the Commission approve the tariff sheet Missouri-American Water Company ("MAWC") filed on June 15, 2023.

1. In its *Report and Order* in this matter, the Commission approved parties' stipulation regarding revenue requirement issues.¹ As part of this stipulation, the stipulating parties agreed to terminate the pilot low income program.²

2. On June 15, 2023, MAWC requested that the Commission approve a tariff sheet which allows customers who are low income program participants on May 28, 2023³ to continue receiving this benefit through the end of their specific eligibility period, rather than abruptly stopping the program. MAWC's filing includes a tariff sheet bearing an effective date of July 15, 2023.

3. On June 16, 2023 the Commission ordered Staff to file a recommendation regarding MAWC's tariff sheet by June 27, 2023.

4. After review, Staff recommends approval of:

P.S.C. MO NO. 13 Original Sheet No. RT 30

¹ *Report and Order*, P. 5 (May 3, 2023).

² Although not all parties signed this stipulation, no party objected. Therefore, pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.115(2) the Commission may treat this as a unanimous stipulation.

³ May 28, 2023 was the operation of law date in this case.

5. Staff attaches an affidavit verifying its review.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission approve MAWC's tariff sheet, listed above.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ Karen E. Bretz</u>

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that copies of the foregoing have been emailed to all counsel of record on this 23rd day of June, 2023.

<u>/s/ Karen E. Bretz</u>

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AFFIDAVIT OF CURT B. GATELEY

STATE OF MISSOURI)	
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COUNTY OF COLE)	

COMES NOW CURT B. GATELELY, and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation Regarding Low Income Program Tariff Filing*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

CURT B. GATELEY

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this $2b^{+-}$ day of June, 2023.

DIANNA L VAUGHT Notary Public - Notary Seal STATE OF MISSOURI Cole County My Commission Expires: July 18, 2023 Commission #: 15207377

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