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RE: Case No. WR-2003-0500

**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

Dear Secretary:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced proceeding please find an original and eight copies of a Recommendation Concerning Proper Test Year and a Motion for True-Up Audit and Hearing filed on behalf of Missouri-American Water Company. Please stamp the enclosed extra copy of each "filed" and return same to me.

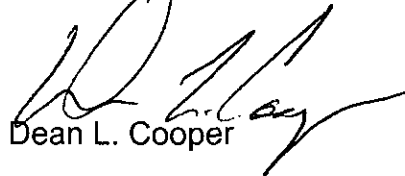
If you have any questions concerning this matter, then please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

BRYDON, SWEARENGEN & ENGLAND P.C.

By:

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

Missouri Public
Service Commission

In the Matter of the General Rate Increase)
for Water and Sewer Service Provided) Case No. WR-2003-0500
by Missouri-American Water Company.)

RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING PROPER TEST YEAR

COMES NOW Missouri-American Water Company ("MAWC" or "Company") and, makes the following recommendation concerning the proper test year for use in this case:

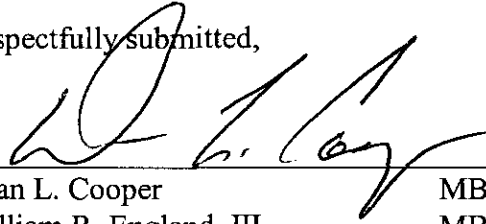
1. For purposes of the instant case, the Company proposes a test year consisting of the twelve months ended December 31, 2002. This test year has been addressed in the Company's prepared direct testimony and schedules.

2. By separate motion, the Company is also proposing a true-up audit and hearing, for certain items of revenue, expense and investment, as well as certain isolated items that will be known and measurable as of the end of the November 2003 accounting period. The Company is of the opinion that a test year, as proposed herein, including an update for the known and measurable changes enumerated in the Motion for True-Up, will reflect a proper matching of revenues, expenses and rate base and, thus, better reflect the Company's true cost of service at the time the rates to be set in this proceeding become effective.

WHEREFORE, Company respectfully requests the Commission to issue its order adopting a test year for use in this case comprised of the twelve months ended December 31, 2002, trued-up,

to include known and measurable changes, through the end of the November 2003 accounting period.

Respectfully submitted,



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