

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Proposed Missouri-American        ) **File No. WT-2020-00136**  
Water Company Revised Tariff Sheets                    ) Tracking No. JW-2020-0076

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

**COMES NOW**, Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through counsel, and for its *Staff Recommendation*, states as follows:

1. On November 8, 2019, Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC or Company) filed two proposed tariff sheets seeking to revise the billing procedures of its private fire protection services. These tariffs sheets were assigned tracking number JW-2020-0076, and bore effective dates of December 8, 2019. Subsequently, Staff filed its *Motion to Suspend Tariff Sheets and Open a New Docket*, pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.065. In consideration of MAWC’s preference to incorporate potential changes into its current billing practices prior to issuing bills for calendar year 2020, Staff stated in its *Motion* that it would complete its review as quickly as practically possible.

2. While the Commission has opened a new docket, it has not yet suspended the Company’s proposed tariff sheets or directed its Staff to file a recommendation in this matter. That being said, Staff has reviewed the Company’s proposed tariff sheets filed on November 8, 2019, and is of the opinion that they are appropriate and should be approved.

3. The proposed revised tariff sheets will provide MAWC’s customers in St. Louis County that utilize private fire protection services the option of being billed monthly, as opposed to annually, allowing for flexibility in how and when they are billed

for service. James A. Busch, the Regulatory Manager of the Water & Sewer Department of the Commission, performed the review of the subject revised tariff sheets on behalf of the Staff.

**WHEREFORE**, the Staff respectfully recommends that the Commission issue an order allowing the following revised tariff sheets to take effect as soon as is reasonable; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission deems just in the circumstances:

- P.S.C. Mo. No. 13, 5<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. RT 3.1 Cancelling the 4<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. RT 3.1
- P.S.C. Mo. No. 13, 4<sup>th</sup> Revised Sheet No. RT 3.2 Cancelling 3<sup>rd</sup> Revised Sheet No. RT 3.2.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that true and correct copies of the foregoing were served electronically to all counsel of record this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2019.

**/s/ Mark Johnson**

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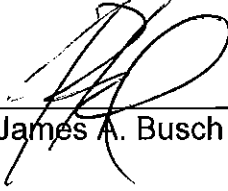
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Water Company Revised Tariff Sheets                    )        File No. WT-2020-0136

**AFFIDAVIT OF JAMES A. BUSCH**

State of Missouri        )  
                                  ) ss  
County of Cole         )

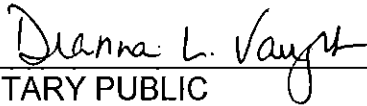
**COMES NOW** James A. Busch, and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the attached *Staff Recommendation*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

  
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James A. Busch

**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 22nd day of November, 2019

  
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NOTARY PUBLIC

DIANNA L. VAUGHT  
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