

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Petition of Missouri-American)  
Water Company for Approval to Change an )  
Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge )  
(ISRS) )

**File No. WO-2020-0190**  
Tariff No. YW-2020-0148

## ORDER ADDRESSING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATION

Issue Date: May 27, 2020

Effective Date: May 27, 2020

On May 26, 2020, the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) filed a motion challenging an aspect of the confidentiality designation of Appendix M of the application of Missouri-American Water Company.<sup>1</sup> Appendix M is a Private Letter Ruling (PLR) issued by the Internal Revenue Service. The PLR is publicly available on the IRS website as PLR number 202010002. Public Counsel requested that the Commission find that fact to be non-confidential.<sup>2</sup>

Public Counsel requested expedited responses and an expedited decision by the Commission as the evidentiary hearing in this matter is scheduled for June 3, 2020.

On May 27, 2020, Missouri-American Water Company responded that it does not object to the specific, limited relief requested by Public Counsel. No other parties responded in the shortened time frame allotted.

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<sup>1</sup> Missouri-American's response notes that Schedule JRW-2, attached to the Direct Testimony of John R. Wilde, is the same as Appendix M.

<sup>2</sup> Motion to Challenge Confidentiality and Motion for Expedited Treatment, paragraph 10, p. 3; and Wherefore clause, p. 5-6.

The Commission accepts that the publicly available PLR is the same as Appendix M. The unopposed request of Public Counsel for the Commission to deem such information as non-confidential is found to be reasonable and will be granted.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The information that publicly available PLR 202010002 is the publicly available version of Appendix M in Missouri-American’s application, and Schedule JRW-2 of John R. Wilde’s direct testimony, is non-confidential.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

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

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Charles Hatcher, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant to  
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.