

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

In the Matter of the Petition of Missouri-)
American Water Company for Approval to) **File No. WO-2021-0428**
Establish a Water and Sewer Infrastructure)
Rate Adjustment (“WSIRA”))

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), through counsel, and recommends that the Commission approve the proposed tariff sheets Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) filed January 12, 2022 and states its non-opposition to MAWC’s motion for expedited treatment.

1. The Commission issued its *Order Approving Water and Sewer Infrastructure Adjustments* (Order) on January 12, 2021, authorizing MAWC to establish water and sewer infrastructure rate adjustments (WSIRAs) for water and sewer service. The Commission ordered MAWC to file tariff sheets as set out in the exemplar tariff sheets attached as Appendix A to MAWC’s December 13, 2021 *MAWC’s Response to Staff Recommendation and OPC Objection and Recommendation*.¹

2. On January 12, 2021, MAWC filed proposed tariff sheets with a motion for expedited treatment requesting that the tariff sheets to go into effect with less than 30 days’ notice. The proposed tariff sheets bear effective dates of February 11, 2022, but MAWC requests that the Commission allow these tariff sheets to take effect February 1, 2022.

¹ Order, P. 6.

3. On January 13, 2022, the Commission ordered Staff to file a recommendation by January 19, 2022 regarding MAWC's proposed tariff sheets and motion for expedited treatment.

4. Staff does not object to MAWC's motion for expedited treatment.

5. Staff reviewed MAWC's proposed tariff sheets and determined that they comply with the Commission's Order. Staff recommends that the Commission approve the proposed tariff sheets.

6. Staff attaches an affidavit with this pleading verifying its review.

WHEREFORE, Staff does not object to MAWC's motion for expedited treatment and recommends that the Commission issue an order approving the proposed tariff sheets MAWC filed on January 12, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing has been emailed to all parties and/or counsel of record on this 18th day of January, 2022.

/s/ Karen E. Bretz

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AFFIDAVIT OF MATTHEW J. BARNES

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW Matthew J. Barnes, and on his oath declares that he is of sound mind and lawful age; that he contributed to the foregoing *Staff Recommendation*; and that the same is true and correct according to his best knowledge and belief, under penalty of perjury.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

Matthew J. Barnes
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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 14th day of January, 2022.

Dianna L. Vaughn
Notary Public

DIANNA L. VAUGHT
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for Cole County
My Commission Expires: July 18, 2023
Commission Number: 15207377