

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri-American )  
Water Company's Proposed Tariff ) **File No. WT-2020-0353**  
Sheet Filing ) Tracking No. JW-2020-0185

## ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: August 4, 2020

Effective Date: August 4, 2020

On April 23, 2020,<sup>1</sup> Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) filed tariff sheets with an effective date of May 23 under Tariff Tracking No. JW-2020-0185 to make the treatment of the customer service lines in MAWC's St. Louis County service area consistent with the rest of its service areas and remove an hindrance to implementing MAWC's Commission-approved lead service line replacement program.<sup>2</sup> On May 14, at the request of its Staff, the Commission suspended the tariffs until July 22. On June 30, Staff recommended the Commission approve the tariffs, and the Commission issued its order requiring any objections or response to Staff's recommendation or to the tariffs be filed no later than noon on July 6.

On July 6, the Office of Public Counsel (OPC) filed its Response to Staff's Recommendation, stating it did not object to the proposed tariffs but arguing that the ownership/maintenance responsibility change proposed for the St. Louis County service area but not for the company's similarly situated Joplin and St. Joseph service areas constituted apparent disparate customer treatment which MAWC had not adequately justified. On July 8, the Commission further suspended the tariffs until August 21 and

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<sup>1</sup> All date references shall be to 2020 unless otherwise indicated.

<sup>2</sup> Staff's Memorandum, p. 3.

ordered MAWC and the Commission Staff to reply to OPC's concerns no later than July 22.

On July 22, MAWC and the Commission Staff filed their replies. MAWC stated that if supported by the Staff and OPC, MAWC had no objection to removing the exceptions for the private fire and master service lines in Joplin and St. Joseph. MAWC stated it had provided proposed tariff sheets for that purpose to the Staff and OPC for their review. MAWC stated Staff had indicated no objection to the proposed changes and that if OPC also had no objection, MAWC would substitute those sheets in this case. Staff's July 22 reply acknowledged receipt of the proposed tariff sheets and that it had no objection to the proposed changes. OPC has filed no objection or other reply. Because the filings indicate an agreement, contemplate further substitute tariff sheets, none have been filed and the current sheets will go into effect on August 21, the Commission will order that the agreed upon substitute tariffs or a status report be filed no later than August 7.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. No later than August 7, 2020, Missouri-American Water Company shall file such substitute tariffs as the parties have agreed upon, or the parties shall file a status report.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Paul T. Graham, Regulatory Law Judge,  
by delegation of authority pursuant  
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.