# APPENDIX A

November 23, 2003

Office of the Public Counsel P O Box 7800 Jefferson City, Mo 65102

To Whom It May Concern:

whether this gets read or not, I just what to view my comments on the revised service tariffs that the utility companies are asking for. I do believe that they should have some rate increase but I believe they are asking for too much.

Aquilia wants a 15.5% Missouri-American Water Company wants a 12.2% and I do not have the rate for Missouri Gas Energy but I know it was somewhere in the teens that they are looking for a revised tariff. Our landfill fees have gone up. Everything is going up but not our income.

Saint Joseph is getting to be a retired community. They have lost a lot of good paying jobs here and the younger people are having to go where the work is. So that leaves a lot people trying to make a living paying rent, medical bills, taxes, and the every day living expenses, trying to exist I just wanted you to know that as a retired person living on a fixed income That all of the revised tariffs and taxes cut down on the quality of living. It is too bad that some of the utilities Cannot monitor there own costs and try to live on a certain amount of money. I am against such big tariff and tax hikes.

Thank you,

Uma L. Tharp Anna L Tharp

820 Sunset Drive

Saint Joseph, Missouri 64503

28 November 2003

To: Missouri Puclic Service Commission

In regard to: Increase water rates in Warrensburg

Our rates have been increased several times, especially after Missouri American Water Co. bought the water system in St. Joseph. We are paying for that.

The Daily Star Journal printed an article recently on the front page that the Commission stated that our water rate should be LOWERED. Then AMW came out with a rebuttal why they need to raise.

This fall they started digging up many streets and intersections to prove they were needing the raise. In all probability it will not be completed because of weather.

I have lived in my present home (I am a widow) 32 years and the cost of being on the sewer (in the city limits) was added on to purchase price. I am a retired teacher and keep up my property. I paid AMW \$75 this year - extra - in case I had trouble with the line from my house to the street or where the connection is.

I do not mean to sound unreasonable, but we have been had. I do one load of laundry every two weeks, dishwasher once a week, shower quickly, and flush the stool only when I have to. My bill has almost tripled. Always over the Manney.

It is not feasible that I can appear at the hearing, so please give us some help and consideration.

I am civic minded and have voted for everything that will benefit the city. as my late father said, "vote for it the first time it comes up it will come up again and the cost will be higher."

Thank you

Kathleen Morse

Mrs. William L. Morse 1104 Christopher Warrensburg, MO 64093-2041 Kathleen Morse 1104 Christopher Warrensburg, MO 64093-2041

### NOTICE FILE COPY

Missouri American Water has filed revised water service tariff sheets with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC) which would increase the Company's Missouri jurisdictional annual gross revenues by approximately 12.2 percent. For the average residential customer in St. Louis County using water the proposed increase would be approximately \$2.50 each month.

A local public hearing has been set before the SC at 5:00 o'clock p.m on Wednesday, December 3, 2003, at the ghesterneld City Council Chamber, 690 Chesterfield Parkway West, Chesterfield, Missouri. If you wish to comment or secure information, you may contact the Office of the Public Counsel, Post Office Box 7800, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102, telephone (573) 751-4857.

The building where the hearing will be held meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If a customer needs additional accommodations to participate in the these hearings, please call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or 1-800-829-7541 (TDD) prior to the hearing.

DEC 0 1 2003 St. Louis County

November 26, 2003

Missouri Public Service Commission Office of Public Counsel P.O. Box 7800 Jefferson City, MO 65102

I am writing in opposition of the revised water service tariff sheets for the increase of 12.2 % for the Missouri American Water Company. I am opposed to the additional \$2.50 each month that will be added to my bill.

Due the economic business conditions, I have not had a raise in my job for 3 years and have taken many cuts due to the economy.

The Missouri American Water Company—you would think—would be a "Missouri" company but my payments are sent to Illinois and this company is earned by a German Company. I do not feel that the additional 12.2% that they are going to charge Missouri customers will help any of us out.

Please **DO NOT** approve this increase and allow Missouri American Water Company to earn additional revenue.

Thank you,

Karia Hefele 1789 Praise Bly

Fenton, MO 63026

### FII E COPY

105 St. Daniel Lane Florissant, MO 63031 November 26, 2003

Office of Public Counsel Post Office Box 2230 Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

I recently received your notice of a price increase for the Missouri American Water Company.

I have recently moved about four blocks from where I lived for the past 34 years and only since this company took over have my bills become outrageous. They have more than doubled while my family has decreased (children left), and now I see you propose to add another \$2.50 to this.

In short, the price is increasing and the product quality is decreasing. now have a filter in my kitchen because the taste is not what it used to be.

If there is anything else you need from me please let me know. I wish I could be there to verbally voice my opinion but unfortunately I am unable to attend this meeting as my work schedule does not permit it. Please count me as definitely opposing any and all increases.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Joseph (Ocena) Carlo

Ocena Carlo

Missouri Lublie Service Commission, L. D. Box 7800 Jefferson City, Mo-G5102,

Dear Sin

Referring to the Missouri American Waker riskice about the fariff increase I would like to point out that MAX had already imposed a heavy fee on customers by adding the minimum charge to the acknow water use charge. This represents a double charge. The minimum charge means that if the quantity of water used is below the minimum required you have to pay the minimum charge. But when the quantity of water used execeeds the minimum quantity of water used execeeds the minimum quantity, the minimum charge should not be imposed. To make the story short MAW costomers one now being double charged as shown on the copy of this bill.

Nov 29/03

Patrick & Teresa Finder 1010 S. Olive Mexico, MO. 65265

#### FILE COPY

Missouri Public Service Commission P.O. Box 7800 Jefferson City, MO. 65102

December 1, 2003

Re: Proposed Rate Increases for Missouri American Water

To Whom It May Concern:

I believe that the Missouri American Water Company's request to have gross revenues increased is not justifiable.

Both the number of jobs available and wages in Mexico, Missouri have been steadily declining for a number of years. Residents of this community are learning to live with less and less every day. Most publicly funded organizations here; utility companies, schools, government entities, health care facilities, etc., are all wanting an increase in monies. The people in Mexico simply have less money now than they have had in the past and can not afford to increase funding for all of these businesses.

Inflation has been practically non-existent over the last few years and so should have very little effect on rates. If Missouri American Water Company has not been able to run their business so as to be profitable, that is a problem of management and not a problem to be dumped on the people of Mexico.

All of us face increasing cost in our lives and in our businesses, but in tough economic times we all learn to tighten our belts. I work in the mental health field and our rates have either held steady or declined for almost fifteen years. Medicaid rates, for example, were set in the late 1980s and have not changed since that time. I do not know why a public funded monopoly like the water company should expect better treatment than individuals in private business.

Thank you for your consideration.

Patrick Finder

cc: Senator John Cauthorn

Representative Steve Hobbs

Nov. 30,03

Dear Sir. I'm against any increase of 12.2 percent. I court understand why you charge a minimum of ## 9.01 before I ever use any water. Florissant dednit Cheerge a minimum charge I am very unhappy with your Charges I gan I gat a bell over Then in Feb The will was \$ 7091 The average bell televen 26-30

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FILE COPY 4047 So Dieguesne kol Japlen mo 64804 Mo Office of Public Council. O. O. Bex 7800 June 13, 03 Jefferson Cety mo 65102 7800 Dear Sir The water co. here in Jopla is now become owned by them our water bull has doubted The commission has pretty much become useless saying before the sale they had very little atthority to tell them what they could into our country and become owner gone waln supply sheme on our state & the other states to let this control gerly without more more effort on energones part our st Lexislature as well as anyother in charge officials. What will be next our power + Das Companies? Our water field has doubled like I said from the former maam water. Our may bell was 7.08 customer charge 4 total of 14. 87 for 1month Wine only Don 1 Pleasehelp get all our utilities under over

as a retired couple and mony more customers here in Juplint other cities surely we need to hold the cost down a liviable amount

The Mes Robert Colement (417) 781 8076 re Missouri american Water Company hearing to increase our water bill

Please dont let the water company

have this increase

To raise our bill again would truly be a hardship We are a midde age couple and they keep raising the water bills

We don't know how Seniors

(over)

are paying these high prices

Thank you

for your time

The Miller

## See FILE COPY 9-26-03

The letter Co, an increase It would be vice for them, but what about them, but what about us Senier Citizens, we barely get beg show. On I write a complete roof is being on my home. I am 77 almost (Dee). Will I got it paid off before I die? I doubt it. That 50.40 ye. Would being me some groceries that the only place I can cut down. This truly stresses me, I know many athers. Think of single parents when you deide, Please Margarer Ozenberger I was one of Those.

Mr. & Mrs. Dyas Grown 207 Fulherson St. St. Joseph, mo 64504 To Who alt may Concern to be able to attend your Bublic Dearing, Oct. 15 2003, at 5'00pm in St. Joseph, mo. at a Council Chamber, 1100 Frederick ave. The Way of Understand it, is that ch, mr. Brown, can cettered the meeting. my wife is not able to, She is Disable Sincearly yours mr Brown



#### THE WESTIN

October 6,2003

Dear Sire:

This increase in own water bill is redicted to because we can hardey pay the file as they are now.

Please, oh, please do not allow Misserie Comerican Water to increase our bill enother 2.94 a month. Thank you for considering our request.

> Yours truey, Richard + Lala Hale 1518 Caloin Lane Jefferson City. MO 65101

phone: 573.636-9159