

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

In the Matter of Missouri-American)
Water Company’s Request for Authority to)
Implement a General Rate Increase for)
Water and Sewer Service Provided in)
Missouri Service Areas.)
Case No. WR-2010-0131

**THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL’S REQUEST
FOR LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) on its own behalf and on behalf of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Missouri-American Water Company, Public Water Supply District Nos. 1 and 2 of Andrew County, Public Water Supply District No. 1 of DeKalb County, the City of Joplin, Missouri, the City of Riverside, Missouri, the Utility Workers Union of America Local 335, AG Processing, Inc., the City of St. Joseph, Missouri, the City of Warrensburg, Missouri, the St. Louis Fire Sprinkler Association, and the Missouri Energy Group and for its Request for Local Public Hearings states as follows:

1. On October 30, 2009, Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) submitted tariffs to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) for the purpose of implementing a general rate increase for water and sewer service provided in MAWC’s Missouri service areas.
2. On November 18, 2009, in its Order Suspending Tariff, Directing Filings, Setting Conferences and Hearings, and Directing Notice; and Notice of Contested Case, the Commission ordered the parties to file recommendations as to the number, date, time and location of local public hearings no later than January 5, 2010.
3. The above stated parties recommend the following cities and locations for local public hearings in this case:

- **Mexico:** Telecommunication Community Resource Center (TCRC)
- **Jefferson City:** Governor Office Building
- **Warrensburg:** University of Central Missouri
- **Riverside:** Riverside Community Center
- **St. Joseph:** Missouri Western University
- **Joplin:** Missouri Southern State University
- **St. Louis City:** University of Missouri–St. Louis
- **St. Louis County - Kirkwood:** St. Louis Community College–Meramec Campus
- **St. Charles:** St. Charles Administration Building
- **Warrenton:** Black Hawk Middle School

While locations have been recommended, other locations within the recommended cities would be acceptable to the parties as long the location has sufficient resources to accommodate a local public hearing of this type.

4. The above stated parties have agreed to propose the dates for the local public hearings with all dates falling at least one week after the filing of Direct Testimony - Revenue Requirement on March 9, 2010. Therefore, the above stated parties recommend the local public hearings be scheduled within the two week timeframe beginning March 29, 2010 and ending April 9, 2010. If a third week for scheduling local public hearings is necessary, the parties recommend that the Commission schedule the remaining local public hearings during the week of April 19, 2010.

5. The above stated parties also recommend that if local public hearings are scheduled for the week of April 5, 2010, those hearings be held in Mexico, Jefferson City, Warrenton or

Warrensburg, in order to make it easier for parties to travel from the prehearing conference, also proposed for that week, to the local public hearing.

6. Additionally, the above stated parties recommend that the Commission schedule a question and answer session at 6:00 pm with the local public hearing beginning at 6:30 pm and continuing until 9:30 pm or until all customers have been heard.

7. Public Counsel informs the Commission that Triumph Foods has stated that while it does not join, it does not object to this recommendation.

8. Public Counsel also states that the remaining parties, Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District, the City of Jefferson City, Missouri, and the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers, have not responded to drafts of this pleading, but Public Counsel does not believe any of these parties would object to this recommendation.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully requests that the Commission schedule local public hearings as recommended above.

Respectfully submitted,

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