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**Missouri Public
Service Commission**

**RE: Missouri-American Water Company
Lead Case No. WR-2003-0500 and WC-2004-0168**


Dear Mr. Roberts:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced matter are the original and eight (8) copies of Missouri-American Water Company's Motion to Continue True-Up for One Week. A copy of the foregoing document has been hand-delivered or mailed this date to each party of record.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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

In the Matter of the General Rate Increase)
for Water and Sewer Service Provided)
by Missouri-American Water Company.)

Case No. WR-2003-0500,
Lead case

Staff of the Missouri Public Service)
Commission,)

Complainant,)

v.)

Missouri-American Water Company,)

Respondent.)

Case No. WC-2004-0168

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MOTION TO CONTINUE TRUE-UP FOR ONE WEEK

COMES NOW Missouri-American Water Company (“MAWC” or “Company”), and states the following to the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) as MAWC’s Motion to Continue True-Up for One Week:

1. The procedural schedule in this case currently calls for the parties to file true-up direct testimony on January 30, 2004. It additionally directs that a true-up hearing be held February 5-6, 2004.

2. Based upon conversations with the Commission Staff (“Staff”), MAWC believes that a continuance of the true-up testimony filing date and the hearing for a period of one week would assist the processing of this case. It is believed that such a continuance will allow for a narrowing of the true-up issues, if not eliminate the need for a true-up hearing. Consequently, MAWC requests

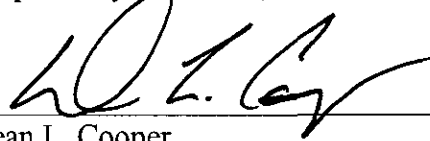
that the Commission continue the date for the filing of true-up direct testimony until February 6, 2004, and continue the true-up hearing until February 13, 2004.

3. This continuance will not change the dates for the filing of initial briefs or reply briefs. Thus, it should not impact the date upon which the case is submitted for Commission decision.

4. Counsel for the Staff has indicated that the Staff supports this motion for continuance. Counsel for the Missouri Energy Group, the St. Joseph Water Districts have stated that they have no objection to this motion. The remaining parties have not indicated a position on this issue.

WHEREFORE, MAWC respectfully requests that the Commission continue the dates for true-up direct testimony and for the true-up hearing as requested herein.

Respectfully submitted,



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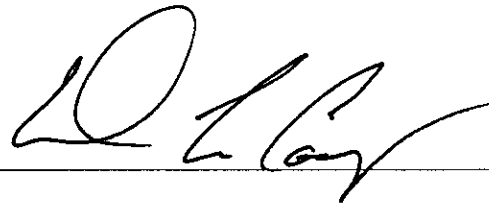
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