

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 Services Provided in)
Missouri Service Areas.)**

Case No. WR-2010-0131

STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION AS TO TARIFF SHEETS COMPLIANCE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through the undersigned counsel, and for its recommendation as to Missouri-American Water Company's (MAWC or Company) tariff sheet compliance respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission):

1. On May 24, 2010, the parties to this case filed, or did not object to the filing, of a *Stipulation and Agreement (Stipulation)* resolving all issues previously identified by the signatories in Case Nos. WR-2010-0131 and SR-2010-0135.

2. On June 16, 2010, the Commission issued its *Report And Order (Order)*, which directed MAWC to file a revised tariff consistent with the *Order* by June 18, 2010. The *Order* also directed the Staff to file a recommendation on the revised tariff by June 21, 2010.

3. Staff members James M. Russo and James A. Merciel, Jr., reviewed the revised tariff sheets filed by MAWC on June 18, 2010, and assigned tracking numbers JS-2010-0718, YS-2010-0716, YS-2010-0720, YW-2010-0721, YW-2010-0722, YW-2010-0723, YW-2010-0724, YW-2010-0725, and YW-2010-0726.

4. Mr. Russo and Mr. Merciel have also reviewed the substitute tariff sheets filed by MAWC under the same tracking numbers on June 21, 2010.

5. The Staff states that these revised and substitute tariff sheets filed by MAWC as stated in paragraphs three (3) and four (4) above are in compliance with the May 24th *Stipulation* and June 16th Commission *Order*.

6. Important to note, the Commission's *Order* allowed MAWC to file the tariff sheets with an effective date of less than thirty (30) days notice to accommodate the parties' agreement to request an effective date of any compliance tariffs by July 1, 2010. As a signatory, the Staff supports the revised and substitute tariff sheets effective date of July 1, 2010, and makes no further recommendation on the matter.

7. Additionally, the Signatories stipulated to a task force or collaborative working group in paragraphs fourteen (14), sixteen (16), seventeen (17) and eighteen (18) of the *Stipulation* to resolve the respective issues of the City of Riverside, consolidation of MAWC's tariff, main extension policy, and residential fire sprinkler service issues. The Commission's *Order* noted these deferred items and made no determination on them.

8. The Staff states that the revised and substitute tariff sheets as filed by MAWC do not impede these task force or working groups from convening to discuss the respective issues and bringing any unresolved issues to the Commission for adjudication at the date specified in the *Stipulation*, including recommendations for further changes to or consolidations of the Company's tariffs.

WHEREFORE, the Staff submits its recommendation for the Commission's information and consideration, and further recommends that the Commission approve the revised and substitute tariff sheets as filed by Missouri-American Water Company effective July 1, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing was mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel/parties of record this 21st day of June 2010.

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