

**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)

File No. WR-2015-0301

**ORDER DIRECTING FILING
OF STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT**

Issue Date: March 14, 2016

Effective Date: March 14, 2016

The parties have indicated that many of the issues in this case have been settled and that a Non-unanimous Stipulation and Agreement for those issues is forthcoming. The parties need time to draft an agreement, but the Commission also needs time to consider whether the schedule needs to be adjusted to allow for a hearing on the stipulation. Therefore, the Commission will direct the parties to file their stipulation and agreement at a defined time.

Stipulations and agreements to resolve rate cases have in the past been filed as confidential or "black-box" agreements. Such "black box" settlements limit the Commission's ability to comply with its obligation under Section 393.130, RSMo to determine whether such agreements will result in just and reasonable rates. For that reason, the Commission disfavors such agreements and will examine such a settlement closely.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The parties shall file their Stipulation and Agreement resolving revenue requirement issues no later than 12:00 p.m. on March 16, 2016.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



Kennard L. Jones, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 14th day of March, 2016.

BY THE COMMISSION

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

Morris Woodruff
Secretary