BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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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 Nos. WR-2011-0337 SR-2011-0338

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE THE LIST OF ISSUES AND LIST AND ORDER OF WITNESSES AND ORDER OF OPENING AND OF <u>CROSS-EXAMINATION OUT-OF-TIME</u>

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its Motion for Leave to File the List of Issues and List and Order of Witnesses and Order of Opening and of Cross-Examination Out-of-Time, states as follows:

1. These actions were commenced on June 30, 2011, when Missouri-American Water Company ("MAWC") filed tariffs, testimony and other minimum filing requirements seeking a general rate increase.

2. Pursuant to order of the Commission issued on August 3, 2011, the List of Issues and List and Order of Witnesses and Order of Opening and of Cross-Examination are due to be filed today, February 8, 2012.

3. The parties herein have been fully occupied in the Settlement Conference convened by order of the Commission on February 6 through 8, which activity has prevented timely progress on the List of Issues and List and Order of Witnesses and Order of Opening and of Cross-Examination.

4. All of the parties agree that the List of Issues and List and Order of Witnesses and Order of Opening and of Cross-Examination may be filed on February 9, 2012. 5. The List of Issues and List and Order of Witnesses and Order of Opening and of Cross-Examination have been distributed to the parties for review and will be filed as soon as approval is obtained.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays that the Commission will permit it to file the List of Issues and List and Order of Witnesses and Order of Opening and of Cross-Examination one day out-of-time for the reasons set out above; and grant such other and further relief as may be just in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served, either electronically or by hand delivery or by First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, on this 8th day of February, 2012, on the parties of record as set out on the official Service List maintained by the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission for this case.

<u>s/ Kevin A. Thompson</u>