

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 19th day of May, 2016.

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 its)
Missouri Service Area.)

File No. WR-2015-0301

ORDER REGARDING MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Issue Date: May 19, 2016

Effective Date: May 19, 2016

On May 11, 2016, the Commission directed its Staff to prepare and file rate impact scenarios based on certain described assumptions about the decisions the Commission might make in this case. That order directed Staff to file those scenarios by May 16, and allowed any party wishing to respond to those scenarios until May 17 to do so. Staff filed its response to the scenarios on May 16, but before Staff filed its response, the Office of the Public Counsel filed a motion asking the Commission to reconsider its order that requested the scenarios.¹

In its motion, Public Counsel states that it does not question the Commission's ability to direct its Staff to prepare scenarios, but points out that the Commission cannot rely on those scenarios when making its decision because the record has closed and Staff's scenarios will not be subject to cross-examination. While the Commission could reopen the record to take additional evidence, it has not done so in this case because in requesting the scenarios, the Commission never intended to gather additional evidence.

¹ Staff filed a response opposing Public Counsel's motion on May 16.

Rather the Commission sought information about the effect its decisions would have on the rates that will result from those decisions.

The Commission's report and order resolving this case will be based on the competent and substantial evidence in the record, not on Staff's responses to the requested scenarios. For that reason, the Commission does not need to reconsider its request for those scenarios and will deny Public Counsel's motion for reconsideration.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Public Counsel's Motion for Reconsideration is denied.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney, Rupp, and
Coleman, CC., concur.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 19th day of May, 2016.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge