# BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water Company's Request for Authority to Implement General Rate Increase for Water and Sewer Service Provided in Missouri Service Areas.	) ) )	File No. WR-2017-0285
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# ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, CONSOLIDATING CASES, ESTABLISHING DEADLINES, AND SETTING PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

Issue Date: July 5, 2017 Effective Date: July 5, 2017

On June 30, 2017, Missouri-American Water Company ("Missouri-American" or "Company") filed tariff sheets designed to implement a general rate increase of approximately 25% annually for water and sewer services. The Company states that the submitted water rates implement a move to consolidated pricing. While the tariff sheets bear a July 31, 2017 effective date, the Commission will issue a separate order suspending those tariffs.

Missouri-American filed a separate *Motion to Consolidate* requesting the water case (File No. WR-2017-0285) and sewer case (File No. SR-2017-0286) be consolidated into one matter. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.110(3) permits the consolidation of pending actions that involve related questions of law or fact. Since the cases will involve common facts, parties and issues, the Commission will grant the *Motion to Consolidate*.

Through a separate motion, Missouri-American also seeks Commission authority to establish the use of a future test year instead of the historical test year traditionally applied

during a general rate case. Missouri-American proposes using a future test period that covers the first year that new rates are expected to be in effect – the 12 months ending May 31, 2019. The Commission will set a deadline for the filing of responses to Missouri-American's *Motion to Establish Future Test Year*.

The Commission will set a deadline for the filing of applications to intervene in this case. The Commission will also set an early prehearing conference to discuss the procedural schedule for this case. The Commission will also direct notice be provided of this order.

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- Missouri-American's Motion to Consolidate is granted. File Nos.
   WR-2017-0285 and SR-2017-0286 are hereby consolidated, with File No. WR-2017-0285 being the lead case.
- 2. The Commission's Data Center shall provide notice of this order to all parties in Missouri-American's most recent general rate case, File No. WR-2015-0301.
- 3. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commission of each county in Missouri-American's service area.
- 4. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the members of the Missouri General Assembly representing the residents of the service area for Missouri-American and to the news media serving the residents of the service territory of Missouri-American.
- 5. Any entity, group, or person wishing to intervene shall file an application to intervene no later than July 25, 2017.

6. Responses to Missouri-American's *Motion to Establish Future Test Year* shall be filed no later than July 27, 2017.

7. A prehearing conference shall be held on August 3, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. The prehearing conference will be held in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This meeting will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the American with Disabilities Act. Anyone needing additional accommodations to participate shall call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1.800.392.42111 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the conference.

8. Any party that wants to participate in the conference by phone may do so by calling 573.526.5808 at the time set for the beginning of the conference.

9. Any requests for intervention not already granted may be ruled upon at the prehearing conference.

10. This order shall be effective when issued.

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BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Kim S. Burton, Senior Regulatory Law Judge by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

# STATE OF MISSOURI

# OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2017.

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

# MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION July 6, 2017

### File/Case No. WR-2017-0285 and SR-2017-0286 (Consolidated)

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,

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Secretary

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