BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Missouri-American Water Company for Certificates of Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to Install, Own, Acquire, Construct, Operate, Control, Manage and Maintain a Sewer System in an area of St. Louis County, Missouri (Radcliffe Place).

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APPLICATION AND MOTION FOR WAIVER

COMES NOW Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) pursuant to Sections 393.140 and 393.170, RSMo and 4 CSR 240-2.060, 4 CSR 240-3.305, 4 CSR 240-3.600, and 4 CSR 240-4.020(2)(B), and for its Application and Motion for Waiver, states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission):

BACKGROUND

1. This Application is to obtain a certificate of convenience and necessity for MAWC to install, own, acquire, construct, operate, control, manage and maintain a sewer system in St. Louis County, Missouri in a subdivision known as Radcliffe Place.

2. MAWC is a Missouri corporation with its principal office and place of business at

727 Craig Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63141. MAWC is a Missouri corporation in good standing. A certified copy of MAWC's certificate of good standing was submitted in Case No. SA-2007-0316 and is incorporated by reference. MAWC currently provides water service to the public in and around the cities of St. Joseph, Joplin, Brunswick, Mexico, Warrensburg, Parkville, Riverside, Jefferson City, and parts of Cole, St. Charles, Warren, Jefferson, Morgan, Pettis, Benton, Barry, Stone, Greene, Taney, Christian, and Platte Counties, and most all of St. Louis County, Missouri.

MAWC currently provides water service to approximately 457,300 customers. MAWC provides sewer service to approximately 13,221 customers in Callaway, Jefferson, Pettis, Cole, Morgan, Platte, Taney, Stone, Christian, and Warren Counties, Missouri. MAWC is a "water corporation," a "sewer corporation" and a "public utility" as those terms are defined in Section 386.020 RSMo, and is subject to the jurisdiction and supervision of the Commission as provided by law. MAWC has no overdue Commission annual reports or assessment fees. There is no pending action or final unsatisfied judgment or decision against MAWC from any state or federal agency or court which involves customer service or rates, which action, judgment or decision has occurred within three years of the date of this Application other than cases pending before this Commission – Cases Nos. WA-2017-0278 (Pevely Farms), WC-2017-0234 (Spicer), WO-2018-0059 (ISRS), WR-2017-0285 (Rate Case), WF-2017-0349 (Financing Petition), WU-2017-0351 (AAO Property Taxes), WU-2017-0296 (AAO Lead Service Lines), SA-2018-0019 (Homestead Estates), and WO-2017-0191 (Territorial Agreement).

3. Communications respecting this Application should be addressed to the undersigned counsel and:

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CERTIFICATE

4. MAWC requests permission, approval and Certificates of Convenience and Necessity to install, own, acquire, construct, operate, control, manage and maintain a sewer

system for the public in an area of St. Louis County, Missouri, as set forth on the map attached to this Application as <u>Appendix A</u>. This area is generally known as the Radcliffe Place subdivision. There are approximately 128 wastewater customers at this time. They are currently MAWC water customers.

5. A legal description of the area sought to be certificated for sewer service is attached to this Application as **Appendix B**.

6. Attached hereto and marked as **Appendix C** is a list of ten residents or land owners within the proposed service area. Appendix C has been identified as Confidential in accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.135(2)(A)1, as it contains customer specific information.

7. Attached hereto and marked as <u>Appendix D</u> is a feasibility study for the sewer systems, including estimated expenses and revenues during the first three years of operation by MAWC. No external financing is anticipated. Appendix D has been identified as Confidential in accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.135(2)(A)4 and 6, as it contains market specific information and information representing strategies employed in contract negotiations.

8. MAWC will not require any franchises or permits from municipalities, counties, or other authorities in connection with the proposed systems.

9. To provide service to the proposed area, MAWC will purchase a sewer distribution system from the Radcliffe Place Community Services Association, Inc. (Seller). A copy of the Asset Purchase Agreement governing this transaction is attached hereto as **Appendix E** (Agreement). Appendix E has been identified as Confidential in accordance with

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Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.135(2)(A)4 and 6, as market specific information and information representing strategies employed in contract negotiations.

10. MAWC proposes to provide sewer service pursuant to the existing rates, rules, and regulations currently applicable to MAWC's Cedar Hill service territory found in Mo. P.S.C. No. 26, with the exception of allowing quarterly billing for sewer along with the water bills for these customers until MAWC moves to monthly billing in St. Louis County.

11. The grant of the requested certificates (and approval of the underlying transaction) will result in regulated sewer service to be provided to the current and future residents of the Radcliffe Place subdivision. The systems would be acquired by MAWC, a Missouri public utility, and be subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. MAWC has considerable expertise and experience in providing water and sewer utility services to residents of the State of Missouri and is fully qualified, in all respects, to own and operate the sewer system currently being operated in Radcliffe Place. MAWC currently provides water service to Radcliffe Place.

CONTINGENT REQUEST FOR WAIVER

12. Rule 4 CSR 240-4.017(1) provides that "(a)ny person that intends to file a case shall file a notice with the secretary of the commission a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to filing such case." A notice was not filed 60 days prior to the filing of this Petition, and MAWC seeks a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement.

13. Rule 4 CSR 240-4.017(1)(D) provides that a waiver may be granted for good cause. Good cause exists in this case. MAWC declares (as verified below) that it has had no communication with the office of the Commission (as defined by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-

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4.015(10)) within the prior 150 days regarding any substantive issue likely to be in this case, other than those pleadings filed for record.

14. Further, Sixty days prior to the filing of this Application, the parties did not have an asset purchase agreement, and this Application has been filed as soon as possible after the execution of the Agreement. It would serve no purpose to wait sixty days before filing the application for Commission approval. Accordingly, to the extent that the Commission may find it to be applicable, and for good cause shown, MAWC moves for a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement of Rule 4 CSR 240-4.017(1) and acceptance of this Petition.

WHEREFORE, MAWC requests the Commission waive, for good cause shown, application of Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.017 that would otherwise require MAWC to file a notice of intent to file at least 60-days prior to filing this Application, and grant MAWC permission, approval and Certificates of Convenience and Necessity authorizing MAWC to:

a) install, acquire, build, construct, own, operate, control, manage and maintain a sewer system for the public within the areas referred to above;

b) acquire the assets identified herein of Radcliffe Place Community Services
Association, Inc.; and,

c) take such other actions as may be deemed necessary and appropriate to accomplish the purposes of the Agreement and the Application and to consummate related transactions in accordance with the Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNEYS FOR MISSOURI-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been sent by electronic mail this 7th day of September 2017, to:

General Counsel's Office staffcounselservice@psc.mo.gov Office of the Public Counsel opcservice@ded.mo.gov

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I, Timothy Luft, having been duly sworn upon my oath, state that I am the Vice-President Legal and Corporate Secretary of Missouri-American Water Company, that I am duly authorized to make this affidavit on behalf of MAWC, that I have knowledge of the matters stated herein, and that said matters are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Additionally, no representative of MAWC has had any communication with the office of the Missouri Public Service Commission as defined in Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.015(10) within the immediately preceding 150 days regarding the subject matter of this Application.

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Subscribed and sworn before me this 7th day of September, 2017.

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MARY BETH HERCULES Notary Public - Notary Seal STATE OF MISSOURI St. Louis County My Commission Expires April 26, 2020 Commission # 96546828

APPENDICES

Appendix A	Map of Area
Appendix B	Legal Description
Appendix C	List of Ten Residents or Land Owners - Confidential
Appendix D	Feasibility Study - Confidential
Appendix E	Asset Purchase Agreement - Confidential