

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)
Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Co., Inc. and)
Missouri-American Water Company, for) File No. WA-2016-0019
MAWC to Acquire Certain Water and Sewer Assets)
of Hickory Hills and, in Connection Therewith, Issue)
Indebtedness and Encumber Assets.)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: October 14, 2015

Effective Date: October 14, 2015

The Commission is ordering the parties to file, jointly or separately, a reply to the *Response to Staff Recommendation and Public Counsel Response* (“response”)¹ of Missouri-American Water Company (“MAWC”). MAWC’s response addresses the *Staff Recommendation*² and *The Office of the Public Counsel’s Response to Staff Recommendation and Request for Local Public Hearing*.³ MAWC’s response raises three issues specifically:

- Which MAWC service area the Commission shall designate as consolidated with Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Co., Inc. under Section 393.320.6, RSMo Supp. 2013.
- Whether the purchase price includes an acquisition premium and, if so, whether the acquisition premium was reasonable or detrimental to the public under *State ex rel. AG Processing, Inc. v. Pub. Serv. Comm’n of State*, 120 S.W.3d 732, 736 (Mo. banc 2003).

¹ Electronic Filing Information System (“EFIS”) No. 17 (October 13, 2015).

² EFIS No. 13 (October 2, 2015).

³ EFIS No. 14 (October 9, 2015).

- Whether the Commission should convene a local public hearing.

MAWC also cites the “many issues” in the *Staff Recommendation* that the Office of the Public Counsel refers to generally,⁴ but does not specify.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. No later than October 26, 2015, Staff and the Office of the Public Counsel shall, and any other party may, file a reply to the *Response to Staff Recommendation and Public Counsel Response*.
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

Daniel Jordan, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 14th day of October, 2015.

⁴ EFIS No. 14 (October 9, 2015) *The Office of the Public Counsel's Response to Staff Recommendation and Request for Local Public Hearing*, page 2 paragraph 6.