

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

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water Company)
for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity)
Authorizing it to Install, Own, Acquire, Construct,) **File No. WA-2012-0066**
Operate, Control, Manage, and Maintain Water and) **File No. SA-2012-0067**
Sewer Systems in Christian and Taney Counties,)
Missouri.)

ORDER SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Issue Date: February 7, 2012

Effective Date: February 7, 2012

On August 26, 2011¹, pursuant to Section 393.170, RSMo 2000, and Commission Rules 4 CSR 240-2.060, 4 CSR 240-3.305, and 4 CSR-3.600, Missouri-American Water Company (hereafter "MAWC") filed two applications (as captioned in the style of these cases above) with the Missouri Public Service Commission. MAWC requests that the Commission grant it authority to install own, acquire, construct, operate, control, manage, and maintain water and sewer systems for the public in an incorporated village of Christian and Taney Counties, Missouri.

Staff recommends the Commission grant MAWC's application. OPC does not object to MAWC having a certificate, but objects to the rates that MAWC would be allowed to charge in the pending service territory. Thus, MAWC requests that the Commission set a prehearing conference.

The Commission finds that a prehearing conference is now appropriate. The parties or their attorneys shall appear in person, or by telephone, at the conference.

¹ Calendar references are to 2011 unless otherwise noted.

They shall be prepared to discuss the nature of any discovery each will conduct, the time necessary to complete discovery, and to prepare for hearing. Also, the parties shall be prepared to discuss the stipulation of facts not at issue. The parties will also be encouraged to discuss settlement.

If the parties do not resolve their dispute, they shall prepare and file a joint proposed procedural schedule or, in the event the parties cannot agree on a procedural schedule, each party shall file its own proposed schedule.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. A prehearing conference shall be held on March 7, 2012, beginning at 1:00 p.m., in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. That room is in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any person who needs additional accommodations to participate shall call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the conference.

2. Any party wishing to appear by telephone may do so may calling 573-522-5993.

3. The parties shall jointly prepare and file a proposed procedural schedule or, in the alternative, each party shall file its own proposed procedural schedule, no later than March 14, 2012.

4. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Steven C. Reed
Secretary

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Ronald D. Pridgin, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 7th day of February, 2012.