BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Application of Missouri-American Water Company for an Accounting Authority Order Authorizing It to Defer and Accumulate Costs and Financial Impacts Related to COVID-19

File No. WU-2020-0417

JOINT MOTION TO SUSPEND PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through the undersigned counsel, and on behalf of Missouri-American Water Company ("MAWC" or the "Company"), the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC"), Midwest Energy Consumers Group ("MECG"), the City of St. Joseph, Missouri ("St. Joseph") the City of Riverside ("Riverside"), and the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers ("MIEC"), collectively referred to herein as "the Parties," submits this *Joint Motion to Suspend Procedural Schedule*, respectfully stating to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") as follows in support:

1. The Parties have been engaged in fruitful settlement discussions and are hopeful that an agreement will be forthcoming. In order to accommodate a continuation of those settlement discussions, the Parties request the procedural schedule in this matter be suspended immediately. No later than October 9, 2020, the Parties will apprise the Commission of the status of the Parties' settlement discussions.

2. Respective counsel for each of the Parties has indicated that they either support or do not oppose the request to suspend the procedural schedule.

WHEREFORE, Staff, on behalf of the Parties, requests the Commission issue an Order suspending the procedural schedule as soon as practically possible.

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Respectfully submitted,

<u>s/ Mark Johnson</u>

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail, or First Class United States Postal Mail, postage prepaid, on this 2nd day of October, 2020, to all counsel of record.

<u>/s/ Mark Johnson</u>