BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of the Joint Application of Hickory Hills Water & Sewer Co., Inc. and Missouri-American Water Company, for MAWC to Acquire Certain Water and Sewer Assets of Hickory Hills and, in Connection Therewith, Issue Indebtedness and Encumber Assets.

Case No. WA-2016-0019

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and

through counsel, and, having determined that the proposed transaction will not be

detrimental to the public, hereby recommends that the Joint Application be **GRANTED**

with certain conditions, all as set out in detail in Staff's attached Memorandum.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Joint Application be GRANTED with

certain conditions set out in Staff's attached Memorandum.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ Kevin A. Thompson</u>

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served, by hand delivery, electronic mail, or First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, to all parties of record on the Service List maintained for this case by the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission, on this 2nd day of October, 2015.

<u>/s/ Kevin A. Thompson</u>