

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

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 Water and Sewer Systems in )  
And around the City of Lawson, Missouri. )

**Case No. WA-2018-0222**

**STATUS REPORT**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its *Report* in this matter hereby states:

1. Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) filed an *Application* February 12, 2018, to purchase all of the water and sewer assets of the City of Lawson and requests Certificates of Convenience and Necessity for the systems. The City of Lawson voted in favor of selling the systems to MAWC in its November 7, 2017 election. Staff previously filed a *Report* in this matter March 28, 2018.

2. MAWC has proposed to apply Section 393.320, RSMo, to this acquisition case, which permits an appraisal following strict guidelines to be used to determine the rate base of an acquired system, following comparison with the purchase price, closing and transaction costs. Staff has been working with MAWC to gain a better understanding of how the application of Section 393.320 will affect the accounting schedules of the Lawson systems as reflected on MAWC's books and plant records going forward. At this time Staff and MAWC are determining the appropriate assets to be booked in rate base and in various plant accounts, pursuant to both the statute's requirements and the Commission's accounting requirements.

3. At this time, Staff asks the Commission to order Staff to file its recommendation or, an alternative pleading no later than May 31, 2018.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff prays that the Commission will accept this *Report*; order Staff to file its recommendation or, an alternative pleading no later than May 31, 2018; and grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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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 30th day of April, 2018, to all counsel of record.

**/s/Whitney Payne**