BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Missouri- American Water Company and Emerald Pointe Utility Company for Missouri-American Water Company to Acquire Certain Water and Sewer Assets of the Emerald Pointe Utility Company in Connection Therewith, Certain Other Related Transactions)) File No. WO-2014-0113))
In the Matter of the Joint Application of Missouri- American Water Company and Emerald Pointe Utility Company for Missouri-American Water Company to Acquire Certain Water and Sewer Assets of the Emerald Pointe Utility Company in Connection Therewith, Certain Other Related Transactions)) File No. SO-2014-0116)

ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: February 7, 2014 Effective Date: February 7, 2014

On October 25, 2013, Missouri-American Water Company ("MAWC") and Emerald Pointe Utility Company ("Emerald Pointe") filed a joint application seeking authority for Emerald Pointe to sell substantially all its assets to MAWC. On January 24, 2014, the Staff of the Commission filed a recommendation to approve the application subject to a number of conditions. On February 6, 2014, MAWC responded to Staff's recommendation and accepted all conditions except for Staff Condition No. 5. MAWC alleges that accepting Staff Condition No. 5, relating to MAWC adopting Emerald Pointe's service rules and regulations, would be contrary to the provisions of Section 393.320, RSMo Supp. 2012, and would complicate matters for MAWC's call center, billing and other personnel. The Commission will direct Staff to file a reply to MAWC's response. Since Staff will be involved

in a rate case for a different water utility during the week of February 18-21, 2014, the Commission will extend the usual time to file the reply.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. Staff shall file a reply to Missouri-American Water Company 's response filed on February 6, 2014, no later than February 24, 2014.
 - 2. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION



Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Michael Bushmann, 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, 2014.