BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Petition of Missouri-American) Coop No. WO 2044 0227
Water Company for Approval of an Infrastructure	(Case No. WO-2014-0237
System Replacement Surcharge (ISRS)	YW-2014-0329

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and in response to the Commission's February 26, 2014, *Order Suspending Tariff, Directing Notice, Setting Deadline, And Directing Staff To File Recommendation,* states as follows:

- 1. On February 25, 2014, Missouri-American Water Company ("MAWC") filed a *Petition to Change Its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge.*
- 2. By this filing, MAWC requests an adjustment to its ISRS rates and charges for ISRS-eligible infrastructure system replacements and relocations made during the period of October 1, 2013, through March 31, 2013.
- 3. On February 26, 2014, the Commission suspended MAWC's proposed tariff until June 25, 2014, and set a deadline for intervention of October 7, 2013. No Parties have sought to intervene. The Commission further directed Staff to file a report on MAWC's application no later than April 9, 2014. Staff filed and the Commission granted an extension for filing the report until April 23, 2014.
- 4. Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.650(11) states that the staff of the Commission may examine information of a water utility to confirm the underlying costs related to the proposed ISRS and to confirm proper calculation of the proposed charge. The Staff "may submit a report regarding its examination to the

Commission no later than sixty days" after the petition is filed. In accordance with this rule and with the Commission's February 26, 2014 Order, Staff submits its *Memorandum*, incorporated herein as Attachment A.

5. Based on its examination and calculations as detailed in its memorandum, Staff recommends the Commission approve incremental ISRS surcharge revenues in the amount of \$3,630,370. Please see Staff's Appendix B for the ISRS rate for each customer class.

WHEREFORE, Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order in this case that: 1) Finds that MAWC's filed petition is in compliance with the requirements of sections 393.1000 to 393.1006 RSMo; 2) Approves MAWC's Petition to implement ISRS rate schedules with the above adjustments to revenue requirement; 3) Approves the Staff's determination that the Company is entitled to receive ISRS surcharge revenues in the amount of \$3,630,370 as shown in Appendix A; and 4) Approves the compliance filing of MAWC's revised ISRS tariff sheet P.S.C. MO. No. 13, 4th Revised Sheet No. RT 10, Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. RT 10 pending in Tariff File No. YW-2014-0329, to be effective on June 25, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 23rd day of April, 2014.

/s/ Alexander Antal

MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri Public Service Commission Official Case File

File No. WO-2014-0237 - Missouri-American Water Company

FROM: <u>/s/ James Russo</u> <u>4/23/2014</u>

Water and Sewer Unit Date

<u>/s/ Kimberly Bolin</u> Auditing Unit <u>4/23/2014</u> Date

<u>/s/ Kevin Thompson</u>
Staff Counsel's Office

Date

SUBJECT: Staff Report and Recommendation Regarding the Petition of Missouri-American Water

Company to Change its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge

DATE: April 23, 2014

BACKGROUND

On February 25, 2014, Missouri-American Water Company ("Company" or "MAWC") filed its <u>Petition</u> to <u>Change its Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge</u> ("Petition") with the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"). The Company submitted its Petition pursuant to the provision of Sections 393.1000, 393.1003, 393.1006, RSMo, and Commission Rules 4 CSR 240-2.060(1) and 4 CSR 240-3.650. These sections provide eligible water corporations with the ability to recover certain infrastructure system replacement costs without the need to file a formal rate case. Such costs are recovered through an Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge ("ISRS").

On February 26, 2014, the Commission issued its <u>Order Suspending Tariff, Directing Notice, Setting Deadline and Directing Staff to File Recommendation,</u> establishing March 27, 2014 as the deadline to intervene in the instant case. No applications to intervene were filed. The Commission directed Staff to file a report regarding its examination of the ISRS filing no later than April 9, 2014. Staff filed and the Commission granted an extension for filing the report until April 23, 2014. The Commission also suspended MAWC's tariff sheet, YW-2014-0329, until June 25, 2014.

STAFF'S INVESTIGATION

As noted at the beginning of this Memorandum, Staff members from the Auditing and Water & Sewer Departments participated in the Staff's investigation of the Petition.

Staff's investigation into the Petition included a review of the Petition and the supporting documentation, Chapter 393 RSMo, Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-3.650(2), and additional data provided by MAWC. In conjunction with this investigation, Staff also reviewed information regarding the payment history for MAWC's annual assessment fees and the status of MAWC's annual report filings, which are discussed later in this Memorandum.

THE PETITION

As stated in its Petition, MAWC "requests an adjustment to its rates and charges through a change to its ISRS rate schedule to provide for the recovery of costs for infrastructure system replacements and relocations eligible for ISRS recognition. The proposed ISRS rate schedule should reflect the appropriate pre-tax ISRS revenues necessary to produce net operating income equal to MAWC's weighted cost of capital multiplied by the net original cost of the requested infrastructure replacements which are eligible for the ISRS, including recognition of accumulated deferred income taxes and accumulated depreciation associated with the aforesaid infrastructure system replacements. MAWC also seeks to recover all state, federal and local income or excise taxes applicable to such ISRS income and to recover all other ISRS costs such as depreciation expense and property taxes due within 12 months of this filing."

In its Petition, MAWC indicates that all of the eligible infrastructure system replacements meet the following criteria:

- 1. They replace and/or extend the useful life of existing infrastructure;
- 2. They are currently in service and used and useful;
- 3. They do not increase revenues by directly connecting to new customers since all ISRS projects represented replacements of existing facilities or relocations of existing facilities;
- 4. They were not included in MAWC's rate base in its most recently completed general rate case, File No. WR-2011-0337;
- 5. The costs related to such projects have not been reimbursed to the utility; and
- 6. They were not included in any other MAWC ISRS filing.

MAWC also indicates that the water utility plant projects on which it seeks to base the ISRS are either:

- 1. Mains and associated valves and hydrants installed as replacements for existing facilities that have worn out or were in a deteriorated condition; or
- 2. Main cleaning and/or relining projects; or
- 3. Infrastructure facility relocations due to the construction or improvement of a highway, road, street, public way or other public work required by or on behalf of the United States, the State of Missouri, a political subdivision of the State of Missouri, or another entity having the power of eminent domain.

Staff notes that any reimbursements MAWC received for these projects was recognized as a reduction of the ISRS investment in the calculation of the ISRS revenue requirement.

In its Petition, the Company requests an adjustment to its rates and charges through the implementation of an ISRS rate schedule. The Company indicates that its proposed rate schedule will "produce ISRS revenues of \$3,137,508 or an increase of 1.8% above the base revenue level approved by the Commission in its most recently completed general rate proceeding" on an annualized basis.

STAFF'S REVENUE CALCULATION

Except for the items listed and discussed below, the Staff agrees with and has adopted the methodology utilized by the Company for the calculation of the ISRS revenue requirement for purposes of this ISRS filing. Staff's calculations utilized:

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- 1. Replacement of any estimated costs included in the ISRS plant balances reflected in the Company's original filing with actual incurred amounts;
- 2. The inclusion of deferred taxes up through the effective date of this ISRS as explained below.
- 3. The inclusion of accumulated depreciation and deferred taxes for ISRS-10, Case No. WO-2012-0401 for the period of April 2013 through June 2014 as explained below.

Staff is proposing to include additional deferred income tax reserves through the month of the effective date of rates (June 2014) in this ISRS case to better reflect the actual levels that will exist for these items at that time. In its original filing, the Company included additional depreciation reserves through the month of the effective date of rates in this ISRS case, and Staff approves of this inclusion.

The Company has included as an offset to the current ISRS, accumulated depreciation and deferred taxes from the previous ISRS cases. Staff concurs that these amounts should be included, but Staff proposes to include accumulated depreciation and deferred taxes up through the month of the effective date of rate (June 2014). Staff also proposes to include accumulated depreciation and deferred taxes for ISRS-10, Case No. WO-2012-0401, for the period of April 2013 through June 2014. In the last ISRS, Case No. WO-2014-0055, the accumulated depreciation and deferred taxes for ISRS-10 were not included, but should have been included. By including the accumulated depreciation and deferred taxes from April 2013 forward, this would remedy the exclusion in the last ISRS.

THE ISRS RATE SCHEDULES

The proposed ISRS rate schedules include a volumetric rate for each affected customer class with the rate to be determined through the use of the customer class billing determinants from the Company's last rate case, Case No. WR-2011-0337, and the ISRS revenues allocated to each affected customer class. The Staff has utilized the Company's methodology for calculating the majority of the ISRS rates, but has determined such rates based on the Staff's calculation of the revenue requirement as reflected in Appendix B to this Memorandum.

ASSESSMENTS AND ANNUAL REPORTS

In accordance with established practice regarding the submission of Staff recommendations to the Commission, the Staff reviewed the payment history for MAWC's annual assessment fees and the status of MAWC's annual report filings. Based on its review of this information, the Staff found that MAWC is current on its quarterly payments for its fiscal year 2014 assessment and has no delinquencies for prior years' assessments. In addition, MAWC does not have any past due annual reports.

STAFF'S CONCLUSIONS

Based on its investigation and calculations, the Staff concludes that the Company's ISRS rates should be designed to recover annual ISRS revenues of \$3,630,370. The Staff's calculations are shown in Appendix A to this Memorandum. These calculations reflect MAWC's capital structure as filed in its last rate case, a 10% return on equity and MAWC's current depreciation rates, all according to the Stipulation and Agreement as ordered by the Commission in Case No. WR-2011-0337. Staff's calculations reflect the actual ISRS investment placed in service from October 2013 through March 2014.

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Staff based its conclusions on an examination of work orders and supporting documents for the projects included for recovery in the Company's proposed ISRS filing, a review of the Stipulation and Agreement in Case No. WR-2011-0337, and a review of the ISRS filings from File Nos. WR-2011-0336, WO-2012-0401, WO-2013-0406 and WO-2014-0055. As a result, the Staff believes the project costs incorporated within this ISRS filing meet the requirements of the governing statutes as summarized previously in this Memorandum in the discussion of the Company's Petition.

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the above, the Staff recommends that the Commission issue an order that:

- 1. Finds that MAWC's filed petition is in compliance with the requirements of sections 393.1000 to 393.1006 RSMo;
- 2. Approves MAWC's Petition to implement ISRS rate schedules with the above adjustments to revenue requirement;
- 3. Approves the Staff's determination that the Company is entitled to receive ISRS surcharge revenues in the amount of \$3,630,370 as shown in Appendix A; and
- 4. Approves the compliance filing of MAWC's revised ISRS tariff sheet P.S.C. MO. No. 13, 4th Revised Sheet No. RT 10, Canceling 3rd Revised Sheet No. RT 10 pending in Tariff File No. YW-2014-0329, to be effective on June 25, 2014.

Missouri-American Water Company ISRS Revenue Requirements Calculation St. Louis District

ISRS Activity:		IS	Total for RS-13 Filing
Water Utility Plant ProjectsReplacement Mains, and Associated Valves and	Hydrants (RM) RSMo 3	93.10	00 (8a)
Task Orders Placed in Service (TOPS): STLC-Replacement Mains and Associated Valves and Hydrants Net Contributions in Aid of Construction Deferred Taxes		\$	31,258,421 1,573
Accumulated Depreciation			(2,351,233) (177,195)
Total Net 393.1000 (8a)			28,731,565
Water Utility Plant ProjectsMain Cleanings and Relinings (RM) RSMo 393.10 Task Orders Placed in Service (TOPS):	00 (8b)		
STLC-Main Cleanings and Relinings			0
Net Contributions in Aid of Construction Deferred Taxes			0
Accumulated Depreciation			0
Total Net 393.1000 (8a)			0
Water Utility Plant ProjectsFacilities Relocations (FR) RSMo 393.1000 (8c)			
Task Orders Placed in Service (TOPS): STLC-Relocated Facilities			333,803
Net Contributions in Aid of Construction			(233,304)
Deferred Taxes Accumulated Depreciation			29,269 (1,678)
Total Net 393.1000 (8c)			128,090
Accumulated Depreciation and Deferred Taxes on Investment in Current ISR:			
Depreciation for ISRS-10 Case No. WO-2012-0401			(604,344)
Deferred Taxes ISRS-10 Case No. WO-2012-0401			(897,976)
Depreciation for ISRS-11 Case No. WO-2013-0406			(512,402)
Deferred Taxes ISRS-11 Case No. WO-2013-0406 Depreciation for ISRS-12 Case No. WO-2014-0055			(738,267) (235,882)
Deferred Taxes ISRS-12 Case No. WO-2014-0055			(203,586)
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Total			(3,192,458)
Total ISRS Rate Base			25,667,197
Overall Rate Of Return per Last Order UOI Required			8.17% 2,097,010
Income Tax Conversion Factor			1.623077
Revenue Req. Before Interest Deductibility			3,403,609
Total ISRS Rate Base			25,667,197
Embedded Cost of Debt per Last Order			3.090%
Interest Expense Deduction			793,116
Combined Federal and State Income Tax Rate Income Tax Reduction due to Interest			38.388630% 304,467
Tax Conversion Factor			1.623077
Revenue Req Impact - Interest Deductibility			494,173
Total Revenue Requirement on Capital			2,909,436
Depreciation Expense			432,942
Property Taxes ISRS 11 WO-2013-0406			66,908
Property Taxes ISRS 12 WO-2014-0055 Property Taxes ISRS 13			144,298 76,786
Add Under Collection from Previous ISRS			0
Total ISRS Revenues		\$	3,630,370
Allocation of Revenue by Class			
Mains less than or equal to 12"	Rate A & Oth	\$	3,482,396
Mains greater than 12"	Rate A & Oth		133,280
	Total Rate A & Oth		3,615,676
	Rate J Rate B		8,464 6,230
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Grand Total Revenues Collected in Proposed ISRS		\$	3,630,370

Missouri-American Water Company **Property Tax Calculation** ISRS # 13 Filing St. Louis District

Total Investment	October 2013 - December 2013 12,305,689
Less: Retirements	(402,534)
Net Change in Property Base	11,903,155
Property Tax Rate	0.006451
Property Tax Expense	76,786
Description	St Louis
Total Tax Payments @ 12/31/2013 2013 Assessed Tax is based on 2012 Year End Property Value	7,702,954
Utility Plant in Service @ 12/31/12	1,165,362,249
Materials & Supplies @ 12/31/12	3,699,323
Actual Property Tax Base @12/31/12	1,169,061,572
Allocate Corporate balance:	
Allocation Factor	68.69%
Allocation	25,028,017
Allocated Property Tax Base at 12/31/12	1,194,089,589
Tax per \$1 of Taxable Property	0.006451

Missouri-American Water Company Property Tax Calculation ISRS # 11 Filing St. Louis District

	Aug 2012 - Dec 2012	Jan-Mar 2013
Total Investment	40,933,381	11,216,151
Less: Retirements	(1,644,296)	(844,277)
Net Change in Property Base	39,289,085	10,371,874
Property Tax Rate	0.005568	0.006451
Property Tax Expense	218,759	66,908
Note: 2012 property tax was allowed in ISRS #11 filing		
Description	2012 St Louis	2013 St Louis
Total Tax Payments	6,062,287	7,702,954
Utility Plant in Service @ Prior Year End	1,077,343,513	1,165,362,249
Materials & Supplies @ Prior Year End	2,828,535	3,699,323
Actual Property Tax Base @Prior Year End	1,080,172,049	1,169,061,572
Allocate Corporate balance:		
Allocation Factor	69.82%	68.69%
Allocation	8,613,628	25,028,017
Allocated Property Tax Base @ Prior Year End	1,088,785,677	1,194,089,589
2012 Tax per \$1 of Taxable Property	0.005568	0.006451

Missouri-American Water Company Property Tax Calculation ISRS # 12 Filing St. Louis District

Total Investment	Apr 2013 - Sep 2013 24,314,361
Less: Retirements	(1,945,656)
Net Change in Property Base	22,368,705
Property Tax Rate	0.006451
Property Tax Expense	144,298
Description	St Louis
Total Tax Payments @ 12/31/2013 2013 Assessed Tax is based on 2012 Year End Property Value	7,702,954
Utility Plant in Service @ 12/31/12	1,165,362,249
Materials & Supplies @ 12/31/12	3,699,323
Actual Property Tax Base @12/31/12	1,169,061,572
Allocate Corporate balance:	
Allocation Factor	68.69%
Allocation	25,028,017
Allocated Property Tax Base at 12/31/12	1,194,089,589

Missouri-American Water Company Deferred Taxes - Rate Base Reduction ISRS # 13 Filing St. Louis District

St. Louis district	Adjusted Tax Bas			D. d	Dalasatian
	Replacements	Relocations	-	Replacements	Relocations
In Service October-December 2013 less Reimbursements Net Additions	12,222,878 1,580 12,224,458	82,811 (234,424) (151,613)			
Bonus Depreciation (50%) Depreciable Balance	6,112,229 6,112,229	(75,807) (75,807)		6,112,229	(75,807)
First Year Tax Rate Second Year Tax Rate			2.00% 4.00%		
Tax Depreciation On Deprecial	ole Balance			152,806	(1,895)
In Service January-March 2014 less Reimbursements Net Additions	19,035,543 0 19,035,543	250,992 0 250,992			
Bonus Depreciation (50%) Depreciable Balance	0 19,035,543	<u>0</u> 250,992			
First Year Tax Rate Second Year Tax Rate			2.00% 4.00%		
Tax Depreciation On Deprecial	ole Balance			190,355	2,510
Total Accumulated Tax Depreciation				6,455,390	(75,192)
Total Book Depreciation				\$ 330,575	\$ 1,051
Deferred Taxes				\$ 2,351,233	\$ (29,269)
Effective Tax Rate				0.3838863	0.3838863

Missouri-American Water Company
Cost of Service / Rate Design
ISRS # 13 Filing
St. Louis District
Cost of Service Allocation for Transmission Costs Per 2011 Case

	Rate A & Other	Rate J	Rate B
Total Factor for ISRS	90.070%	5.720%	4.210%
Tariff Design	Non-ISRS		
	Revenues	ISRS	Proposed
	Per Last Order	Revenues	% Increase
Rate A and K Customers	162,802,082	3,615,676	2.22%
Rate J Customers	6,909,444	8,464	0.12%
Rate B Customers	3,232,546	6,230	0.19%
	172,944,072	3,630,370	

Missouri-American Water Company Net CIAC Calculation ISRS # 13 Filing St. Louis District

Mains,	Valves	and	Hydrant	Replacements

Gross Investment - Replacements
Depreciation Expense - Replacements
Composite Depreciation Rate:

31,258,421 441,362 1.411978%

	Oct-Dec 2013	Jan-Mar 2014		Total
Reimbursements	1,580	0	0	1,580 (a)
Amortization (1)	2	6		7
Accumulated Amortization	2	6	0	
Gross CIAC Less: Accum Amort CIAC Net CIAC	1,580 ((7) (1,573			
Relocations Gross Investment - Relocations Depreciation Expense - Relocations Composite Depreciation Rate:		333,803 4,787 1.434161%		
	Oct-Dec 2013	Jan-Mar 2014		Total
Reimbursements	(234,424)	0		(234,424) (c)
Amortization (1)	(280)	(841)		(1,121)
Accumulated Amortization	(280)	(841)	0	(1,121) (d)
Gross CIAC Less: Accum Amort CIAC Net CIAC	(234,424) (1,121 ((233,304)			

Missouri-American Water Company Depreciation Expense Calculation ISRS # 13 Filing St. Louis District

Base Depreciation Expense	Replacements 441,362	Relocations 4,787	Total 446,149
Reimbursements	1,580	(234,424)	
Composite Depreciation Rate	1.4120%	1.4342%	
Depreciation Expense to be Removed	22	(3,362)	(3,340)
Depreciation Expense Associated with I	(9,868)		
Net Depreciation Expense			432,942

Appendix B

Missouri-American Water Company Case No. WO-2014-0237 ISRS Rate Design Calculation St. Louis District

Additional ISRS Revenues:

	IS	RS Recovery					
		Revenue				Ra	tes per 100
	F	Requirement	Sales (CCF)	Ra	tes per CCF		gallons
Rate A & K	\$	3,615,676	48,612,209	\$	0.0744	\$	0.00995
Rate B	\$	6,230	2,365,075	\$	0.0026	\$	0.00035
Rate J	\$	8,464	5,752,615	\$	0.0015	\$	0.00020
Total	\$	3,630,370					

New ISRS Rate:

	Current Rate per		Proposed Rate	
	CCF		per CCF	
Rate A & K	\$	0.2726	\$	0.3470
Rate B	\$	0.0214	\$	0.0240
Rate J	\$	0.0119	\$	0.0134

	Current Rate per		Proposed Rates	
	100 gallons		per 100 gallons	
Rate A & K	\$	0.03640	\$	0.04635
Rate B	\$	0.00289	\$	0.00324
Rate J	\$	0.00156	\$	0.00176

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AFFIDAVIT OF KIMBERLY K. BOLIN
STATE OF MISSOURI) SS. COUNTY OF COLE)
Kimberly K. Bolin, of lawful age, on her oath states: that she has participated in the preparation of the foregoing Staff Recommendation in memorandum form, to be presented in the above case; that the information in the Staff Recommendation was developed by her; that she has knowledge of the matters set forth in such Staff Recommendation; and that such matters are true and correct to the best of her knowledge and belief.
Kimberly K. Bolin
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 rd day of
Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Cole County My Commission Expires: December 12, 2016 Commission Number: 12412070 Wotary Public

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	/		James M. Russo	
Subscribed and sworn to before	e me this <u>2214</u>	day of	April, 2014.	
LAURA BLOCH Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Cole County My Commission Expires: June 21, 201 Commission Number: 11203914	15	_	Will Both M. Notary Public	