BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water Company's Request for Authority to Implement General Rate Increase for Water and Sewer Service Provided in Missouri Service Areas.

File No. WR-2022-0303

MAWC'S OBJECTION TO NON-UNANIMOUS STIPULATION

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COMES NOW Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) and for its *Objection to Non-Unanimous Stipulation*, respectfully states to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) as follows:

1. On March 8, 2023, the Midwest Energy Consumers Group ("MECG"), the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC"), the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers ("MIEC"), Public Water Supply District No. 2 of Andrew County, and Consumers Council of Missouri filed a document titled *Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement on Class Cost of Service and Rate Design*.

2. Subsequently, on March 10, 2023, MAWC, Staff, OPC, MECG, MIEC, Public Water Supply District No. 2 of Andrew County, Consumers Council of Missouri, City of St. Joseph, and City of Riverside filed a *Stipulation and Agreement as to Rate Design and Class Cost of Service*. The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty, Sunnydale Properties, and Triumph Foods, LLC further stated their non-objection to the Stipulation and Agreement filed on March 10, 2023. Accordingly, *Stipulation and Agreement as to Rate Design and Class Cost of Service* may be treated as unanimous pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.115(2)(C).

3. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.115(2)(B) states that "[e]ach party shall have seven (7) days from the filing of a nonunanimous stipulation and agreement to file an objection to the nonunanimous stipulation and agreement. Failure to file a timely objection shall constitute a

full waiver of that party's right to hearing."

4. MAWC believes that the *Stipulation and Agreement as to Rate Design and Class Cost of Service* filed on March 10, 2023, superseded the *Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement on Class Cost of Service and Rate Design* filed on March 8, 2023. However, in an abundance of caution, MAWC hereby objects to the *Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement on Class Cost of Service and Rate Design* filed on March 8, 2023.

WHEREFORE, MAWC respectfully requests that the Commission consider this objection to the *Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement on Class Cost of Service and Rate Design* filed on March 8, 2023, and thereafter, issue its order approving the *Stipulation and Agreement* filed on March 3, 2023, and the *Stipulation and Agreement as to Rate Design and Class Cost of Service* filed on March 10, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been sent by electronic mail to all counsel of record this 14th day of March 2023.

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