

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

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

Case No. WR-2008-0311

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel and for its Request for Extension of time states as follows:

1. On June 30, 2008, the Commission adopted a procedural schedule that calls for parties to file direct testimony on rate design issues on September 3, 2008.

2. Barbara Meisenheimer, a chief economist for Public Counsel, has been preparing and is planning to file rate design direct testimony, primarily dealing with class cost of service issues. Pursuant to the Commission-approved schedule, Ms. Meisenheimer received the EMS accounting data needed to analyze class costs on August 20, 2008. Because of a new format for the Staff EMS output files and the complexity of transferring the reformatted data into and running the class cost of service model for nine districts, Ms. Meisenheimer has not been able to complete her rate design direct testimony.

3. Public Counsel seeks an extension of two days (until September 5, 2008) to file Ms. Meisenheimer's rate design direct testimony. Granting this two-day extension would still afford other parties ample time to review Ms. Meisenheimer's testimony and prepare rebuttal. Public Counsel does not seek an extension for providing an electronic copy of workpapers within two business days of the original September 3, 2008 filing date for direct testimony.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully requests that the Commission grant this extension of time and allow Public Counsel witness Barbara Meisenheimer to file rate design direct testimony on September 5, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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