

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service  
Commission held at its office in  
Jefferson City on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of  
January, 2013.

In the Matter of a Working Case to Draft a Rule to     )  
Implement an Environmental Cost Adjustment         )  
Mechanism for the Water Industry                     )

**File No. WW-2013-0347**

**ORDER OPENING A WORKING CASE TO ASSIST IN THE DRAFTING OF A RULE  
TO IMPLEMENT AN ENVIRONMENTAL COST ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM FOR  
THE WATER INDUSTRY**

Issue Date: January 3, 2013

Effective Date: January 3, 2013

On November 9, 2012, Missouri-American Water Company filed a petition asking the Commission to promulgate a new rule to implement an environmental cost adjustment mechanism for water utilities. In an order issued in File No. WX-2013-0267, the Commission has denied that petition, but has directed its Staff to prepare and present a proposed rule to the Commission by April 3, 2013. The Commission has created this working file to facilitate Staff's efforts to obtain input from interested stakeholders regarding the drafting of that rule.

Staff intends to conduct two workshops to obtain stakeholder input regarding the drafting of the rule. The initial workshop will be held on Thursday, January 24, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Room 316 of the Governor Office Building in Jefferson City. A follow-up workshop will be held on Thursday, February 28, 2013, again from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Room 316 of the Governor Office Building in

Jefferson City. The Commission invites all interested stakeholders to attend the workshops.

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The public is welcome to submit comments by forwarding electronic communications through the Commission's electronic filing and information system (EFIS) or by mailing written comments. You may submit electronic comments at the Commission's website at <http://www.psc.mo.gov>. (Click on the EFIS/Case filings link on the left side of the page. Scroll down and click on the public comment link. Please refer to File No. WW-2013-0347). Written comments in hard copy should be addressed to the Commission at P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 and should also reference File No. WW-2013-0347. The public can view the contents of the file by following the link at <http://www.psc.mo.gov>.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Commission's Staff shall host at least two workshop meetings to obtain input from interested stakeholders regarding the drafting of a new rule to implement an environmental cost adjustment mechanism for water utilities.
2. The initial workshop shall be held on Thursday, January 24, 2013, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Room 316 of the Governor Office Building in Jefferson City.

A follow-up workshop shall be held on Thursday, February 28, 2013, again from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Room 316 of the Governor Office Building in Jefferson City.

3. The Commission's Data Center shall provide a copy of this order to all Commission-certificated water utilities in the State of Missouri, and to all parties in Missouri-American Water Company's most recent rate case, WR-2011-0337.

4. This order shall become effective upon issuance.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shelley Brueggemann".

Shelley Brueggemann  
Acting Secretary

( S E A L )

Gunn, Chm., Jarrett, Kenney, and  
Stoll, CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge