

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

In the Matter of the Application and Petition of )  
Missouri-American Water Company Requesting the ) **File No. WX-2013-0267**  
Commission Promulgate An Environmental Cost )  
Adjustment Mechanism for the Water Industry )

## ORDER DIRECTING STAFF TO INVESTIGATE AND FILE RECOMMENDATION

Issue Date: November 13, 2012

Effective Date: November 13, 2012

On November 9, 2012, Missouri-American Water Company filed a petition asking the Commission to promulgate rules to implement an environmental cost adjustment mechanism for the water industry. Before deciding whether to grant Missouri-American's petition, the Commission will direct its Staff to investigate Missouri-American's petition and proposed regulation and to provide the Commission with its recommendation.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. Staff shall investigate Missouri-American Water Company's Application and Petition for Promulgation of Rule and no later than December 14, 2012, recommend whether the Commission should proceed with a rulemaking.
2. If Staff is unable to complete its investigation and offer its recommendation by December 14, 2012, it may at that time file a request for additional time, along with an estimation of when it will be able to offer its recommendation.

3. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

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Steven C. Reed  
Secretary

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Morris L. Woodruff, Chief Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012.