

**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) Case No. WR-2015-0301
Water and Sewer Service Provided in)
Missouri Service Areas.)

LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and on behalf of the parties to this case presents its Local Public Hearings Recommendation as follows:

1. On July 31, 2015, Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) submitted tariffs to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) for the purpose of implementing a general rate increase for water and sewer service provided in MAWC's Missouri service areas.
2. On August 5, 2015, the Commission issued its *Order Suspending Tariff, Directing Notice, Setting Hearings and Directing Filings* requiring the parties to file recommendations as to the locations, dates and times for local public hearings no later than September 28, 2015.
3. The following locations are recommended for local public hearings in this case:
 - Branson: Branson High School Auditorium, 935 P Rd 65-60, Branson, Missouri 65616
 - Joplin: Cornell Auditorium in the Missouri Southern State University Robert W. Plaster Free Enterprise Center, 3950 E Newman Road, Joplin, Missouri 64801
 - Warsaw: Warsaw Community Building (City Hall), Harbor Room, 181 W. Harrison Street, Warsaw, Missouri 65355
 - Riverside/Parkville: 2950 NW Vivion Road, Riverside, Missouri 64150
 - St. Joseph: Missouri Western State University, 4525 Downs Drive, St. Joseph, Missouri 64507

- St. Louis: St. Louis County Library, Thornhill Branch Auditorium, 12863 Willowyck Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63146
- St. Louis: University of Missouri – St. Louis, North Campus, JC Penney Building Conference Center, Summit Room, One University Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri 63121
- Brunswick: Knights of Columbus Hall, 124 E. Broadway, Brunswick, Missouri 65236
- Mexico: Senior High School Auditorium (Emmons Hall), 639 N. Wade, Mexico, Missouri 65265
- Jefferson City: Public Service Commission’s Office, Room 310, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102
- Warrensburg: Council Chambers, at the Municipal Center, 200 S. Holden Street, Warrensburg, Missouri 64093 (available after 5pm on February 2, 3, 4, 9 and 11, 2016)
- Jefferson County: Fox C-6 School District, Roy Wilde Conference Center, 745 Jeffco Blvd, Arnold, Missouri 63010

Other locations within the recommended areas would be acceptable as long the location has sufficient resources to accommodate a local public hearing of this type.

4. As noted in the Commission’s September 23, 2015, *Order Adopting Procedural Schedule* it is recommended that local public hearings be held between the dates of January 25, 2016 and February 12, 2016. However, reasonable adjustments to the recommended dates are acceptable.

5. It is also recommended for each local public hearing that the Commission schedule a question and answer session at 5:30 pm with the local public hearing beginning at 6:00 pm and continuing until all customers have been heard. Again, reasonable adjustments to the recommended times are acceptable. For example, where geography lends itself to holding two public hearing on the same day, the parties would support the scheduling of a noon local public hearing followed by an evening local public hearing in order to be more efficient with travel and expenses.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully requests that the Commission schedule local public hearings as recommended above.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, emailed or hand-delivered to the parties of record this 28th day of September 2015:

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