

**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-2017-0285, et al.**

**ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION TO INTERVENE**

Issue Date: November 30, 2017

Effective Date: November 30, 2017

After Missouri-American Water Company (“MAWC”) filed tariff sheets designed to implement a general rate increase, the Commission issued an order establishing a July 25, 2017 deadline for the filing of applications to intervene. On November 22, 2017, The Empire District Electric Company (“Empire”) filed a Motion to Intervene (“Motion”). The Commission issued an order setting a November 29, 2017 deadline for parties to file a response to Empire’s Motion. No responses were received. The Commission will therefore consider Empire’s unopposed Motion.

Pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(3), the Commission may grant an application to intervene if the applicant has an interest which is different from that of the general public and which may be adversely affected by a final order arising from the case; or, granting the proposed intervention would serve the public interest. Empire states that due to a 2012 Interruptible Industrial Water Supply Agreement, Empire has an interest in this case through its status as a high-volume customer of MAWC. Empire points out that as a utility and a customer, Empire’s interests are different from that of the general public and other parties and that those interests may be adversely affected by a final order in this case. Empire also states that its expertise as a multi-service utility and high-volume

customer would serve the public interest by providing the Commission with insights and information from its unique perspective.

Empire acknowledges that although the Motion was submitted after the intervention deadline, the delay was due to Empire's failure to identify counsel to assist with the intervention since it had not participated in past MAWC rate cases. Empire states that as required by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(10), it accepts the record established in this case, including the requirements of all orders of the Commission.

The Commission finds that as a utility and high-volume customer of MAWC, Empire has an interest in this case different from that of the general public, which may be adversely affected by a final order in this case. The Commission also finds that allowing Empire to intervene will serve the public interest by presenting additional perspectives for the Commission's consideration. Therefore, in accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075(3), the Commission will grant the Motion.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Empire District Electric Company's Motion to Intervene is granted.
2. The Empire District Electric Company shall be bound by all conditions and deadlines established in the Commission's September 6, 2017, Order Scheduling Evidentiary Hearing and Setting Procedural Schedule.
3. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

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Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary

Kim S. Burton, Senior Regulatory Law Judge  
by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

**WITNESS** my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 2017.



  
**Morris L. Woodruff**  
**Secretary**

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**Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).**

**Sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "M" and "W".

**Morris L. Woodruff  
Secretary**

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