#### STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

In the Matter of the Petition of Missouri-American Water Company for Approval to Change a Water and Sewer Infrastructure Rate Adjustment (WSIRA)

File No. WO-2022-0176 File No. SO-2022-0177

# ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING DEADLINES, DIRECTING FILINGS, CONSOLIDATING CASES, AND SUSPENDING TARIFFS

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Issue Date: March 9, 2022

Effective Date: March 9, 2022

On March 4, 2022, Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) filed its petition to change its water and sewer infrastructure rate adjustments (WSIRAs) under Sections 393.1500-1509, RSMo. MAWC also requested that the Commission approve its tariff sheets to implement the WISRAs. The tariff sheets bear an effective date of April 3, 2022.

MAWC states that the proposed water rate schedule, on an annualized basis, will produce WSIRA revenues of \$18,257,189, or an increase of 5.4% based on the base water revenue level approved by the Commission in MAWC's most recently completed general rate proceeding. MAWC also states that the proposed sewer rate schedule, on an annualized basis, will produce WSIRA revenues of \$394,746, or an increase of 3.1% based on the base sewer revenue level approved by the Commission in its most recently completed general rate proceeding.

Section 393.1509, RSMo, requires a Commission order regarding the WISRAs become effective no later than 180 days after the petition was filed—August 31, 2022. Additionally, Section 393.1509, RSMo, requires the Commission publish notice of the

filings. Therefore, the Commission will give notice of this petition and set other procedural deadlines.

Section 393.1509, RSMo, allows the Staff of the Commission (Staff) to examine the petition and submit a report of its examination no later than 90 days after the petition was filed. Consequently, the Commission will establish a deadline for Staff to file a report and recommendation. Additionally, the Commission will set a date within the same 90-day time frame for the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and any other parties to file objections, recommendations, or requests for hearing. The Commission will also set a time for responses to any of those filings.

Concurrently with the petition, MAWC filed revised tariff sheets to implement the WSIRAs. In order for Staff to have adequate time to perform its review and so that the Commission has adequate time to consider the petition, the tariff sheets will be suspended.

Also on March 4, 2022, MAWC filed a motion to consolidate the water (File No. WO-2022-0176) and the sewer (File No. SO-2022-0177) WISRA cases in order to promote administrative efficiency. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.110(3) permits the consolidation of pending actions that involve related questions of law or fact. Since the cases will involve common facts, parties, and issues, the Commission will grant the motion.

#### THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. MAWC's motion to consolidate is granted. File Nos. WO-2022-0176 and SO-2022-0177 are hereby consolidated, with File No. WO-2022-0176 being the lead case.

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2. The Commission's Data Center shall serve this order on the county commission, or equivalent governmental body, of all of the counties within, MAWC's water and sewer service areas.

3. The Commission's Data Center shall also provide a copy of this order to the parties in MAWC's last general rate case, File No. WR-2020-0344.

4. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the media serving MAWC's water and sewer service areas and to the members of the General Assembly representing those service areas.

5. Any entity wishing to intervene shall file an application to do so no later than March 29, 2022.

6. Staff shall file its recommendation no later than June 2, 2022.

7. Public Counsel and any other party shall file any objections, recommendations, or hearing requests no later than June 2, 2022.

8. MAWC shall respond to Staff's recommendation or any other objections or recommendations no later than June 13, 2022.

9. Any other party wishing to respond or object to Staff's recommendation or other objections or recommendations shall do so no later than June 13, 2022.

10. The tariff sheets filed by MAWC on March 4, 2022, and assigned tariff tracking numbers JW-2022-0234 and JS-2022-0235, are suspended until August 31, 2022.

11. This order shall be effective when issued.

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BY THE COMMISSION

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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

Silvey, Chm., Rupp, Coleman, Holsman, and Kolkmeyer CC., concur.

Dippell, Deputy Chief Regulatory Law Judge

# 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.



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Morris L. Woodruff Secretary

## MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

### March 9, 2022

#### File/Case No. WO-2022-0176 and SO-2022-0177

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Sincerely,

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