

**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 Water and Sewer Service Provided in)
Missouri Service Areas)

**File Nos. WR-2015-0301
and SR-2015-0302**

**ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF,
DIRECTING NOTICE, SETTING HEARINGS AND
DIRECTING FILINGS**

Issue Date: August 5, 2015

Effective Date: August 5, 2015

On July 31, 2014, Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) submitted revised tariff sheets to implement a general rate increase of \$51 million or 19.6%. The company points out that as a result of the existing Infrastructure System Replacement Surcharge being rolled into permanent rates and reset to zero, the net percentage increase in the company's revenue requirement would be about 9.73%. The proposed tariff sheets bear an effective date of August 30, 2015.

Section 393.150 RSMo, authorizes the Commission to suspend the effective date of the proposed tariff sheets for 120 days, plus an additional 6 months to allow time for the Commission to conduct a hearing. Accordingly, in order to determine if MAWC's proposed tariff sheets are just, reasonable, and in the public interest, the Commission will suspend the tariff sheets for 120 days beyond the effective date. Further, because a hearing cannot be concluded within 120 days, the Commission will suspend the tariff sheets for an additional 6 months.

The Commission will schedule an evidentiary hearing in this order and will reserve dates for a true-up hearing. The Commission will also set an early prehearing conference and require the parties to agree on a proposed procedural schedule. The Commission will also direct the parties

to file recommendations regarding the scheduling of locations, dates and times for local public hearings. The Office of the Public Counsel will be responsible for filing these suggestions.

The Commission will direct its Data Center to serve a copy of this order upon the commissions of the counties in MAWC's service area. Additionally, the Commission will direct the Public Information Office to make notice of this order available to the media serving MAWC's service area and to the members of the General Assembly representing those areas. Finally, the Commission will set a date by which applications to intervene shall be filed.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The proposed tariff sheets, filed under Tariff File Nos. YW-2016-0026, YW-2016-0027, YW-2016-0028, YW-2016-0029, YW-2016-0030, YW-2016-0033, YS-2016-0031, YS-2016-0032, YS-2016-0034, YS-2016-0035, YS-2016-0036, YS-2016-0037, YS-2016-0038, YS-2016-0039, YS-2016-0040 are suspended for 120 days from August 30, 2015 to December 28, 2015.
2. The proposed tariff sheets, suspended for 120 days in ordered paragraph 1, are suspended for an additional 6 months beyond December 28, 2015 to June 28, 2016.
3. An early prehearing conference shall be held on September 10, 2015, at 10:00 a.m. in room 310 of the Governor Office building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.
4. The parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule by September 17, 2015. The Staff of the Commission shall be responsible for filing this schedule.
5. No later than September 28, 2015, the parties shall file recommendations as to the locations, dates and times for local public hearings. The Office of the Public Counsel shall be responsible for this filing.
6. An evidentiary hearing is scheduled for February 29 through March 11, 2016, beginning each day at 8:30 a.m. March 21 and 22, 2016, are reserved for any true-up hearing.

These hearings will be held in room 310 of the Governor Office building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri.

7. The Commission's Data Center shall serve a copy of this order upon the county commissions of each county in Missouri-American Water Company's service areas.

8. The Commission's Public Information Office shall make notice of this order available to the members of the General Assembly representing Missouri-American Water Company's service areas and to the news media serving therein.

9. All hearings will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. If any person needs additional accommodations to participate in any hearing, please call the Missouri Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) of Relay Missouri at 711 before the hearing.

10. Any applications to intervene shall be filed no later than August 25, 2015.

11. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Kennard L. Jones, Senior Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 5th day of August, 2015.