

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

Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission,)	
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Complainant,)	
)	
vs.)	<u>Case No. WC-2002-146</u>
)	(Tariff Tracking No. JW-2003-0167)
St. Louis County Water Company,)	
d/b/a Missouri-American Water Company,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL OF TARIFF FILING

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through counsel, and for its Recommendation For Approval Of Tariff Filing states the following:

1. On July 23, 2002,¹ the Missouri Public Service Commission issued its Report and Order ("Order") in this case. In that Order, the Commission ordered St. Louis County Water Company, d/b/a Missouri-American Water Company ("Company") to ". . . withdraw the tariff at issue in this case . . ." and also authorized the Company to ". . . submit a proposed tariff in compliance with this Report and Order for Commission approval." The Commission's Order bore an effective date of August 2.

2. On July 29, the Company filed a request for a 30-day extension of the effective date of the Commission's Order so that it could ". . . begin discussions and efforts to draft a replacement service line tariff that meets the Commission's directives as interpreted by Complainant and the other parties to this case." On August 1, the Commission issued an order granting this request and extending the effective date of its Order to September 1.

3. By a letter that was stamped “Received” at the Commission’s offices on August 22, the Company submitted a revised tariff sheet intended to be in compliance with the Order. The subject tariff sheet bore an issue date of August 26 and an effective date of September 25. Upon being scanned into the Commission's electronic filing and information system, the tariff filing was assigned Tariff Tracking No. JW-2003-0167.

4. In addition to the changes that the Commission ordered, the Company's revised tariff sheet makes other minor changes to the tariff language, as the Staff requested. The Company described these additional changes in its tariff transmittal letter.

5. The Staff has reviewed the Company's August 22 tariff filing and believes that the subject tariff sheet complies with the Order, and that it also adequately addresses the Staff's concerns regarding certain language used in the original tariff sheet. Additionally, the Staff notes that the subject tariff filing does not affect any other matter pending before the Commission involving the Company, that the Company is current on the filing of its Commission annual reports and that the Company is current on the payment of its Commission assessments. (Dale Johansen and Wendell Hubbs of the Commission’s Water & Sewer Department performed the review of the subject tariff sheet, and verified the status of the Company's annual report filing and assessment payment, on behalf of the Staff.)

6. The Staff would not object to the Commission approving the subject revised tariff sheet on less than thirty (30) days notice.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully recommends that the Commission issue an order that approves the tariff sheet listed below to be effective as of September 25, or an earlier date chosen at the Commission's convenience.

¹ Unless otherwise noted, all dates set forth herein refer to the year 2002.

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First Revised Sheet No. RT 17.0, Canceling Original Sheet No. RT 17.0

Respectfully Submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or e-mailed to all counsel of record this 29th day of August 2002.

/s/ Keith R. Krueger
