

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 7th day of
March, 2018.

In the Matter of the Revenue Effects Upon)	
Small Water and Sewer Utilities of the)	<u>File No. AW-2018-0237</u>
Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017)	

**ORDER OPENING A WORKING PROCEEDING REGARDING THE EFFECTS UPON
MISSOURI SMALL WATER AND SEWER UTILITIES OF THE TAX CUTS OF 2017
AND DIRECTING RESPONSE**

Issue Date: March 7, 2018

Effective Date: March 7, 2018

On March 1, 2018, the Staff of the Commission filed a motion asking the Commission to open a proceeding to investigate the effect the recent federal tax cut legislation will have on the revenues of Missouri's small water and sewer utilities. As part of that motion, Staff asks the Commission to direct those small utilities to respond in fifteen days to the following questions:

- 1) For purposes of payment of income tax, is your company:
 - (a) A C Corporation;
 - (b) A Subchapter S Corporation;
 - (c) A Limited Liability Corporation;
 - (d) A Partnership; or
 - (e) Other?
- 2) If you know, does your company currently collect income tax expense in customer rates? If so, how much?

- 3) Have you or your financial advisors or consultants performed any analysis of the likely impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 on your cost of service and customer rates? If so, please provide such analysis.
- 4) Generally speaking, when do you expect your company to seek a change in customer rates from the Commission?

The Commission will direct the small utilities to respond to Staff's questions. Anyone else wishing to respond to address these matters is invited to do so.

This file will serve as a repository for documents and comments. Using this file, any person with an interest in this matter may view documents and may submit comments or documents. As this is not a contested case, anyone may file a comment without legal counsel. Intervention requests are not necessary to submit comments or view documents.

The public is welcome to submit comments through the Commission's electronic filing and information system (EFIS) at the Commission's website, <http://www.psc.mo.gov>. (Click on the Submit Comments link on the right side of the page. Please refer to File No. AW-2018-0237). Written comments in hard copy may be mailed to the Commission at P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102 and should also reference File No. AW-2018-0237.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The Commission's Data Center shall provide a copy of this order to all Missouri water corporations and sewer corporations, excluding Missouri-American

Water Company, which is not a small water or sewer utility under the Commission's regulations.¹

2. The Commission's Public Information Office shall make notice of this order available to the news media and to the members of the General Assembly.

3. Each water corporation and sewer corporation, excluding Missouri-American Water Company, shall respond to the questions described in the body of this order by March 22, 2018.

4. This order shall be effective when issued.

BY THE COMMISSION



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Hall, Chm., Kenney, Rupp, Coleman, and
Silvey, CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge

¹ The effect of the tax cuts on Missouri-American Water Company is being addressed in that company's pending general rate case.


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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 7th day of March 2018.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

March 7, 2018

File/Case No. AW-2018-0237

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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 dark ink, reading "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Morris" being the most prominent.

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Distributed to all Missouri Water Corporations and Sewer Corporations excluding Missouri-American Water Company.

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