

**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 September, 2023.

In the Matter of the Petition of Missouri-
American Water Company for Approval to
Change a Water and Sewer Infrastructure
Rate Adjustment)
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File No. WO-2023-0427

File No. SO-2023-0428

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

Issue Date: September 7, 2023

Effective Date: September 7, 2023

On September 1, 2023, Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) filed a petition to change its water and sewer infrastructure rate adjustments (WSIRAs) under Sections 393.1500-1509, RSMo. MAWC also asked the Commission to approve its tariff sheets to implement the WSIRAs. The tariff sheets bear an effective date of October 1, 2023.

MAWC states the proposed water rate schedule, on an annualized basis, will produce WSIRA revenues of \$23,742,768, or an increase of 5.7 percent 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 \$14,761, or an increase of 0.1 percent 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 WSIRAs become effective no later than 180 days after the petition was filed - February 28, 2024. Additionally, Section 393.1509, RSMo, requires the Commission to 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 for the Commission to consider the petition, the tariff sheets will be suspended.

On September 1, 2023, MAWC filed a motion to consolidate. 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 consolidate these cases.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. File Nos. WO-2023-0427 and SO-2023-0428 are hereby consolidated, with File No. WO-2023-0008 being the lead case.

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-2022-0303.

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.

5. Any entity wishing to intervene shall file an application to do so no later than September 21, 2023.

6. Staff shall file its recommendation no later than November 30, 2023.

7. Public Counsel and any other party shall file any objections, recommendations, or hearing requests no later than November 30, 2023.

8. MAWC shall respond to Staff's recommendation or any other objections or recommendations no later than December 7, 2023.

9. Any other party wishing to respond or object to Staff's recommendation or other objections or recommendations shall do so no later than December 7, 2023.

10. The tariff sheets filed by MAWC on September 1, 2023, and assigned tariff tracking numbers YW-2024-0030 and YS-2024-0031, are suspended until February 28, 2024.

11. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Rupp, Chm., Coleman, Holsman, Kolkmeier
and Hahn CC., concur.

Pridgin, 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 7th day of September, 2023.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

September 7, 2023

File/Case No. WO-2023-0427 and SO-2023-0428

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

Sincerely,



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