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

Michele Goad,
Complainant,
V.
Missouri-American Water Company,
Respondent.

File No. WC-2023-0142

## **NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF PRIOR FILING**

COMES NOW Missouri-American Water Company ("MAWC" or "Company") and hereby files this Notice of Withdrawal of Prior Filing and respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

- <sup>1.</sup> On October 15, 2022, the Complainant, Michele Goad ("Complainant") filed a formal complaint ("Complaint") with the Commission against MAWC.
- 2. On November 18, 2022, the Company filed its Answer to the Complaint.
- 3. On June 9, 2023, the Commission adopted a Procedural Schedule in this case setting a hearing for October 26, 2023. On October 23, 2023, the Commission issued an *Order Continuing Hearing and Directing the Parties to Submit Available Dates*.
- On November 7, 2023, the Commission issued an Order Setting Evidentiary Hearing for December 18, 2023, in Jefferson City, MO.
- On or about December 11, 2023, the Complainant and MAWC reached a settlement which the parties believed resolved this Complaint.
- On December 12, 2023, Complainant and MAWC filed a Joint Notice of Settlement and Notice of Withdrawal ("Joint Notice") informing the Commission of the settlement reached on December 11, 2023.
- 7. However, shortly after filing the Joint Notice on December 12, 2023, the Company

received information that requires further investigation to determine if there was a true meeting of the minds on the terms of the settlement and whether a settlement has in fact been reached, and therefore MAWC can no longer agree to represent to the Commission that there is a Notice of Settlement.

- Since MAWC requires additional time to review the information received and speak with Complainant, MAWC hereby withdraws its previously filed Notice of Settlement with apologies.
- 9. MAWC is filing this as soon as possible after receiving the information in an effort to be as transparent as possible with confidential settlement discussions, and to keep the Commission informed, and to be cognizant of the Commission's schedule and any needed preparation if a hearing is required on December 18, 2023, should a settlement not be reached.

Wherefore, MAWC withdraws its Notice of Settlement and requests that the Commission withdraw the Joint Filing indicating Notice of Settlement and any other relief it deems appropriate.

## MISSOURI-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was sent by electronic mail or U.S. Mail on December 12, 2023, to the following:

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