

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

In the Matter of Missouri-American)
Water Company for Certificates of)
Convenience and Necessity Authorizing)
it to Install, Own, Acquire, Construct,) File No. WA-2017-0181
Operate, Control, Manage and Maintain) SA-2017-0182
Water and Sewer Systems in and around)
the Village of Wardsville, Missouri.)

**RESPONSE TO STAFF RECOMMENDATION
AND OPC MOTION**

COMES NOW Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) and, in response to as its Motion to the Staff Recommendation, states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission):

1. On December 19, 2016, MAWC filed an Application and If Necessary, Motion for Waiver, seeking a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to provide regulated water and sewer service in and around the Village of Wardsville, Missouri.

2. On March 13, 2017, the Staff of the Commission (Staff) filed a Staff Recommendation and an associated Memorandum, wherein it recommended approval of the Application with conditions described in the Memorandum. The Memorandum identifies recommendations 1-17. (Memo, p. 7-8)

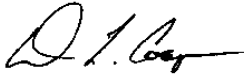
3. MAWC has no objection to recommendations 1-17.

4. Further, on this date, the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) filed its Motion Requesting Order Directing Missouri-American Water Company to File Statement Indicating Its treatment of Any Acquisition Premium and Suggestions in Support (OPC Motion).

5. In response to the OPC Motion, MAWC states that it will not seek to recover acquisition premium if any exists associated with this acquisition.

WHEREFORE, Missouri-American Water Company prays the Commission consider this Response to Staff Recommendation and OPC Motion and, thereafter, issue its order granting MAWC's Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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