

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

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water)
Company’s Request for Authority to Implement)
General Rate Increase for Water and Sewer)
Service Provided in Missouri Service Areas)

File No. WR-2024-0320
File No. SR-2024-0321

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, ESTABLISHING TIME TO INTERVENE,
SETTING TIME TO RESPOND, AND CONSOLIDATING CASES**

Issue Date: July 2, 2024

Effective Date: July 2, 2024

On July 1, 2024, Missouri-American Water Company (Missouri-American) filed tariff sheets designed to implement a general rate increase of approximately \$166.6 million or 34.4% annually for water and sewer services. The tariff sheets bear a July 31, 2024 effective date. The Commission will address tariff suspension in a separate order.

The Commission will set a deadline for the filing of applications to intervene in this case. The Commission will also direct notice be provided of this order.

Missouri-American also filed a *Motion to Consolidate* on July 1, 2024, requesting the two above-captioned files be consolidated into one matter. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.110(3) permits the consolidation of pending actions that involve related questions of law or fact. Having reviewed the *Motion to Consolidate* and the files, the Commission determines that common facts, parties, and issues will be presented in these two files and both party and Commission resources would be conserved by granting the motion. Therefore, the Commission will grant the *Motion to Consolidate*.

Additionally, on July 1, 2024, Missouri-American filed a *Motion to Establish Future Test Year*. The Commission will set a time for responses to the motion. Any person or entity filing an application to intervene may file a response to the *Motion to Establish a Future Test Year* without having been granted intervention. Further, the Commission will set a time for an early procedural conference to discuss a procedural schedule including:

- Submission of a Joint Stipulation of Facts;
- Submission of List of Issues and Order of Hearing Components, and Position Statements at least ten days in advance of the hearing;
- At least one settlement conference;
- Cut-off dates for service of discovery requests and responses;
- Dates for discovery conferences;
- Allowance for ten business days for transcript preparation and filing;¹
- A time frame for local public hearings; and
- An evidentiary hearing.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Missouri-American's *Motion to Consolidate* is granted. File Nos. WR-2024-0320 and SR-2024-03021 are hereby consolidated, with File No. WR-2024-0320 being the lead case.

2. The Commission's Data Center shall provide notice of this order to all parties in Missouri-American's most recent general rate case, File No. WR-2022-0303.

¹ Any request for expedited hearing transcripts must be made before the procedural schedule is established.

3. The Commission's Data Center shall provide a copy of this order to the county commission of each county in Missouri-American's service area.

4. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the members of the Missouri General Assembly representing the residents of the service area for Missouri-American and to the news media serving the residents of the service territory of Missouri-American.

5. Any entity, group, or person wishing to intervene shall file an application to intervene no later than July 19, 2024.

6. The Commission will set an early procedural conference for July 22, 2024, beginning at 1:00 p.m. in Room 305 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri. This conference will be held in a building that meets accessibility standards required by the Americans with Disabilities Act. Anyone needing additional accommodations to participate shall call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1-800-392-4211 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the conference. Any entity, group, or person that has filed an application to intervene may participate in the procedural conference.

7. Any party wishing to respond to Missouri-American's *Motion to Establish Future Test Year* shall do so no later than July 26, 2024.

8. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Chief Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 2nd day of July, 2024.

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 2nd day of July 2024.



Nancy Dippell

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MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

July 2, 2024

File/Case No. WR-2024-0320 and SR-2024-0321

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

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
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