

**STATE OF MISSOURI  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

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

**File No. WR-2024-0320**  
Tracking Nos. JS-2025-0001  
and JW-2025-0002

**ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFFS, GIVING NOTICE OF CONTESTED  
CASE STATUS, AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY**

Issue Date: July 10, 2024

Effective Date: July 10, 2024

Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) submitted tariff sheets (Tracking Nos. JS-2025-0001 and JW-2025-0002) on July 1, 2024, designed to produce a net increase in its water and sewer revenues of approximately \$166.6 million or a 34.4% increase over revenues authorized in its last general rate case and infrastructure system replacement surcharge cases. The proposed tariff sheets have an effective date of July 31, 2024.

**A. Suspension of Tariff**

Section 393.150, RSMo, authorizes the Commission to suspend the effective date of proposed tariff sheets for 120 days, plus an additional six months to allow for a hearing. To provide sufficient time to determine if MAWC's proposed tariff sheets are just and reasonable,<sup>1</sup> the Commission will suspend the tariff sheets for 120 days beyond their

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<sup>1</sup> Section 393.140(5), RSMo. Unless otherwise noted, all statutory references are to the Revised Statutes of Missouri as codified in 2016.

effective date. The Commission's experience demonstrates that a full hearing cannot be concluded within 120 days, so the Commission will suspend the tariff sheets for an additional six months.<sup>2</sup>

### B. Notice of Contested Case

Suspension of the tariff may occur only pending a "full" hearing and decision on the tariff's propriety.<sup>3</sup> The provision for a full pre-decision hearing after suspension signifies that this action is a "contested case."<sup>4</sup> A contested case is a formal hearing procedure, but it allows for waiver of procedural formalities and a decision without a hearing,<sup>5</sup> including by stipulation and agreement.<sup>6</sup> This order and notice does not require any party to file an answer. The Commission's discovery regulations may be found at 20 CSR 4240-2.090.

### C. Delegation of Authority

The Commission may delegate any adjudicative authority to the regulatory law judge assigned to this action.<sup>7</sup> To ensure that all procedural and discovery disputes are ruled upon expeditiously, the Commission will delegate its authority to the regulatory law judge assigned to this action to rule on procedural disputes, discovery disputes, and motions to compel discovery, and may make any discovery ruling at the discovery conferences. The Commission will set forth further provisions for procedures and discovery by separate order when setting a full procedural schedule.

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<sup>2</sup> Section 393.150.2, RSMo.

<sup>3</sup> Section 393.150.1, RSMo.

<sup>4</sup> Section 536.010(4), RSMo.

<sup>5</sup> Section 536.060, RSMo.

<sup>6</sup> 20 CSR 4240-2.115.

<sup>7</sup> Section 386.240, RSMo.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The proposed tariff sheets, filed under Tracking Nos. JS-2025-0001 and JW-2025-0002, by MAWC, are suspended for 120 days from July 31, 2024, to November 28, 2024, plus six months thereafter, until May 28, 2025.
2. The regulatory law judge assigned to this action shall have full authority to rule on any procedural or discovery dispute, including any motion to compel, and may make any discovery ruling at a discovery conference.
3. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

*Nancy Dippell*

Nancy Dippell  
Secretary

Hahn, Ch., Coleman, Holsman  
Kolkmeier, and Mitchell CC., concur.

Seyer, 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.**



*Nancy Dippell*  
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**Nancy Dippell**  
**Secretary**

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

**Sincerely,**



**Nancy Dippell  
Secretary**

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