BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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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 Nos. WR-2024-0320

MOTION CONCERNING LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

COMES NOW Missouri-American Water Company ("MAWC"), by and through counsel,

and, on behalf of itself and the Staff ("Staff") of the Missouri Public Service Commission

("Commission"); Office of the Public Counsel; Consumers Council of Missouri; AARP; Midwest

Energy Consumers Group; City of St. Joseph; City of Riverside; Public Water Supply Districts

No. 1 and 2 of Andrew County; and The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty,¹ states

as follows to the Commission as their Motion Concerning Local Public Hearings:

1. On August 7, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Setting Procedural Schedule

which included that local public hearings in this case would begin October 28 and end November

8, 2024 (excluding October 30-November 1)². The Order further directed as follows:

The parties are directed to work with the presiding judge to identify dates for local public hearings to take place within the above-listed time frame. No later than August 21, 2024, Staff shall file a proposal for local public hearing dates and locations on behalf of all joining parties.

2. The parties have discussed potential dates, times and locations for such local public

¹ Neither Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers, nor Triumph Foods, LLC, have responded to communications regarding this Motion. Thus, they have neither indicated their willingness to join nor stated any opposition to the Motion.

² The proposed schedule also seeks to avoid having local public hearings on November 5, 2024, General Election Day.

hearings and propose the following:

LOCATION	DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Jefferson City	October 28, 2024	Governor State Office Building,	6:00 p.m.
		Room 450	
		200 Madison Street	
		Jefferson City, MO 65101	
St. Louis	October 29, 2024	Meramec Community College	Noon
		11333 Big Bend Road	
		St. Louis, MO 63122	
St. Louis	October 29, 2024	St. Louis Community College –	6:00 p.m.
		Florissant Valley	
		Student Center – Multipurpose Room	
		3400 Pershall Road	
		St. Louis, MO 63135	
Branson	November 4,	Branson City Hall	Noon
	2024	City Council Chambers	
		110 West Maddux Street	
		Branson, MO 65616	
Joplin	November 4,	Missouri Southern State University	6:00 p.m.
	2024	Robert Plaster Hall Auditorium	
		3950 Newman Road	
		Joplin, MO 64801	
Virtual	November 6,	WebEx	Noon
	2024		
Virtual	November 6,	WebEx	6:00 p.m.
	2024		
Riverside	November 7,	Riverside City Hall	Noon
	2024	Board of Aldermen Chambers	
		2950 NW Vivion Road	
		Riverside, MO 64150	
St. Joseph	November 7,	St. Joseph City Hall	6:00 p.m.
_	2024	City Council Chambers	_
		1100 Frederick Avenue	
		St. Joseph, MO 64501	

3. The locations identified are either locations utilized in prior cases, or locations that parties believe to be appropriate. The parties have not contacted those locations to confirm availability on the dates proposed.

4. Given the early date of these local public hearings in relation to the remainder of the procedural schedule and the need to print and mail approximately 508,000 customer notices,

MAWC believes it would need a final order setting forth dates, times and locations for the local public hearings by September 6, 2024, so MAWC can print and mail the hearing notices in a timely manner.

WHEREFORE, the parties respectfully provide these local public hearing dates, times

and locations for consideration by the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been sent by electronic mail to all counsel of record this 15th day of August 2024.

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