

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

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water)
Company’s Request for Authority to)
Implement a General Rate Increase for) **File No. WR-2024-0320**
Water and Sewer Service Provided in)
Missouri Service Areas)

PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: November 20, 2024

Effective Date: November 20, 2024

On November 20, 2024, Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) filed a *Motion for Protective Order and Expedited Treatment*, stating that, due to the nature of certain material regarding financial matters that are competitively sensitive, security sensitive information, and certain cyber security materials, the “confidential” designation under Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135 may not provide adequate protection.

MAWC requests a protective order pursuant to Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135(4) allowing it, or other parties, to designate certain information as “Highly Confidential” prior to disclosure. MAWC states that no party objects to the motion.

Upon review of the motion, the Commission finds the request for a protective order reasonable and will grant it.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The motion for a protective order is granted.
2. Materials and information divulged by MAWC or other parties shall be considered to be “Highly Confidential” if so designated at the time of disclosure.
3. With regard to entities and individuals other than the Staff of the Commission and the Office of the Public Counsel:

- a. Disclosure of materials or information designated “Highly Confidential” shall be made only to attorneys and/or to such outside consultants who have executed a Commission Nondisclosure Agreement. No Highly Confidential information shall be provided directly or indirectly to any non-attorney individual or employee.
- b. Persons afforded access to materials or information designated “Highly Confidential” shall neither use nor disclose such materials or information for purposes of business or competition or any other purpose other than in regard to the above-referenced case and shall keep the materials and information secure and confidential and in accordance with the purposes and intent of the protective order.
- c. All material and information designated as “Highly Confidential” in the possession of any entity or person, as well as any notes pertaining to such information, shall be returned to MAWC (or the disclosing party) or destroyed upon the conclusion of the above-referenced case.

4. If a party disagrees with the “Highly Confidential” designation of any information, the party shall follow the informal discovery dispute resolution procedures set forth in Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.090(8). If the party exhausts these dispute resolution procedures, the party may file a motion challenging the designation.

5. Except for attorneys of record for all parties, and employees of state agencies covered by statutory confidentiality requirements, all persons authorized to access “confidential” information in this case shall complete the nondisclosure agreement attached to this order as Exhibit A.

6. Except for attorneys of record for all parties, and employees of state agencies covered by statutory confidentiality requirements, all persons authorized to access “highly confidential” information in this case shall complete the nondisclosure agreement attached to this order as Exhibit B.

7. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

Kenneth J. Seyer, Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri
on this 20th day of November, 2024.

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

For Case No.: _____
(To Access Confidential Information)

I, _____, have reviewed the Commission's Rule at 20 CSR 4240-2.135
on the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

I have requested review of the confidential information produced in Case No. _____
on behalf of _____.

I hereby certify that:

- (a) Only employees of a party that are acting as an expert for that party or that have been retained for this case as an outside expert for that party may receive confidential information;
- (b) An employee is a person in the service of his or her employer whose services are controllable by the employer;
- (c) I am an employee of _____ [state name of intervenor] acting as its expert and/or its employee who intends to file testimony in this docket, or I am an outside expert for _____ [state name of intervenor] retained to provide expert consultation or testimony in this docket;
and
- (d) I have read and agree to abide by the Commission's Rule at 20 CSR 4240-2.135.

Dated on this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signature & Title

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Employer

Party

Address

Telephone

E-Mail Address

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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For Case No.: _____
(To Access Highly Confidential Information)

I, _____, have reviewed the Commission's Rule at 20 CSR 4240-2.135
on the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

I have requested review of the highly confidential information produced in Case No.
_____ on behalf of _____.

I hereby certify that:

- (a) Only an outside expert retained by a party in this case may receive highly confidential information;
- (b) I am an employee of _____ acting as an outside expert for _____ [state name of intervenor] retained to provide expert consultation or testimony in this docket;
and
- (c) I have read and agree to abide by the Commission's Rule at 20 CSR 4240-2.135 and all terms of the Protective Order issued by the Commission in this docket.

Dated on this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signature & Title

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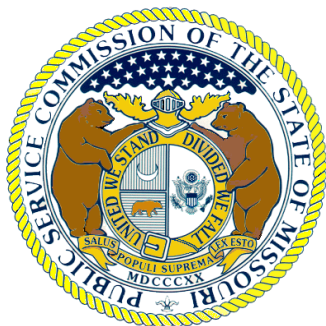
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STATE OF MISSOURI

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 20th day of November 2024.



Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

November 20, 2024

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

Recipients listed above with a valid e-mail address will receive electronic service. Recipients without a valid e-mail address will receive paper service.