

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

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

PETITION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAR PRO HAC VICE
OF HILLARY J. CLOSE

COMES NOW Hillary J. Close, pursuant to Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.040(3)(C) and Missouri Supreme Court Rules 6.01(n) and 9.03 and petitions the Commission for leave to appear *pro hac vice* and participate in the above-captioned matter as co-counsel for Missouri-American Water Company (“MAWC”). In support of this petition, I respectfully state the following:

1. I am employed by Barnes & Thornburg LLP, a law firm with a business address of 11 South Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.
2. I am a member in good standing of the Indiana Bar and I am authorized to practice before all courts within that jurisdiction. My bar number is 25104-49, and I was admitted to the bar on October 18, 2004.
3. I am also a member in good standing of the Illinois Bar and I am authorized to practice before all courts within that jurisdiction. My bar number is 6279845 and I was admitted on November 6, 2003.
4. I am not under suspension or disbarment in any state, and to the best of my knowledge, no other attorney employed by and practicing at Barnes & Thornburg LLP is disqualified to appear before any court.
5. I agree to comply with the Rules of Professional Conduct as set forth in Missouri

Supreme Court Rule 4 and acknowledge that I am subject to discipline by the courts of this State so long as I am practicing in this State.

6. For the duration of the above-captioned matter, I agree to associate myself with the following attorney:

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Mr. Cooper is a resident attorney and member in good standing of the Missouri Bar. He will continue to also serve as counsel for Missouri-American Water Company in this matter.

7. Pursuant to Missouri Supreme Court Rule 6.01(n), a fee of \$410.00 has been paid to the Clerk of the Missouri Supreme Court as shown in the attached receipt.

WHEREFORE, I request an Order from the Commission granting leave to appear *pro hac vice* and participate as co-counsel for Missouri-American Water Company in the above-captioned matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was sent by electronic mail, on February 6, 2025, to counsel for all parties.

//S// Dean L. Cooper



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February 6, 2025

This will hereby acknowledge receipt of \$410.00 as required by Rule 6.01(n) for Hillary J. Close, appearing in Missouri-American Water Company's Request for Authority to Implement a General Rate Increase, Case No. WR-2024-0320, before the Public Service Commission, State of Missouri.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy Ledgerwood". The signature is enclosed within a large, stylized oval flourish.

Betsy Ledgerwood, Clerk