STATE OF MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at the Commission's office in Jefferson City on the 27th day of February, 2025.

In the Matter of the Application of Missouri-)
American Water Company for the)
Approval of an Agreement with the City of) File No. WO-2025-0182
St. Peters, Missouri to Sell and Deliver)
Water for Resale and Related Tariff)
Sheets)

ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION AND GRANTING AUTHORITY TO SELL AND DELIVER WATER FOR RESALE

Issue Date: February 27, 2025 Effective Date: March 9, 2025

On December 11, 2024, Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) applied for authority to sell and deliver water to the City of St. Peters (St. Peters). The application states that St. Peters requested to purchase water from MAWC at wholesale to resell to its customers. Filed with the application is the proposed agreement between MAWC and St. Peters, the ordinance passed by St. Peters approving the proposed agreement, and a proposed tariff sheet to implement the agreement. The application also includes a request for a waiver of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1), which requires an applicant to file a 60-day notice before filing a case.

The Commission issued notice of the application, set a deadline for persons or entities to intervene, and directed the Staff of the Commission (Staff) to file a recommendation on the application. No persons or entities applied to intervene.

On February 5, 2025, Staff filed its Recommendation that the Commission approve the proposed agreement between MAWC and St. Peters, as well as the accompanying proposed tariff sheet to implement the agreement, finding that there was no detriment to the public interest. MAWC's application states that the company has water supply available in its St. Charles district to provide to St. Peters. The water source for the St. Charles district comes from MAWC's Central Plant in Chesterfield, St. Louis County. Staff evaluated the volume of water requested by St. Peters and the ability of MAWC to meet that need. Staff concluded that MAWC can safely and adequately supply water to St. Peters, while still serving its existing customers, without exceeding the capacity of the Central Plant. Staff also evaluated the price MAWC will charge St. Peters and the other terms of the agreement. Staff noted that the additional revenues from St. Peters will, in a future rate proceeding, reduce the amount of monies required to be collected from the other customers served by the Central Plant, helping to offset costs for other customers while not raising other customers' rates.

On February 11, 2025, MAWC filed a response, stating that it had no objection to Staff's Recommendation. No other responses were filed.

Section 393.150, RSMo 2016, states that whenever a water corporation files a contract or agreement with the Commission, the Commission may rule on the propriety of the contract or agreement after hearing. The requirement for a hearing is met when the opportunity for hearing has been provided and no proper party has requested the opportunity to present evidence. Since no one has requested a hearing, the Commission may grant the relief requested based on the verified application.

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¹ State ex rel. Rex Deffenderfer Enterprises, Inc. v. Public Service Commission, 776 S.W.2d 494, 496 (Mo. App. W.D. 1989).

The Commission finds that the proposed rate to St. Peters is just and reasonable and may result in a reduction in rates for MAWC's customers in a future rate proceeding. Therefore, the Commission will approve the application and authorize MAWC to enter into the proposed agreement with St. Peters filed with the application. Further, the Commission finds good cause to waive Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1), as MAWC has filed an affidavit stating that it has had no contact with the Commission regarding the application in the 150 days immediately preceding the filing of the application.

Finally, given the lack of opposition to the application, the Commission finds it reasonable to make this order effective in less than 30 days.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. MAWC's application, filed on December 11, 2024, is approved, and MAWC is authorized to enter into the agreement with St. Peters attached to the application.
- 2. MAWC shall file a tariff sheet implementing the provisions of the agreement that is identical or substantially similar to the proposed tariff sheet filed with its application.
- 3. The presiding regulatory law judge in this case shall have full authority to review and approve any tariff sheets filed in compliance with this order, including ruling on any requests for expedited treatment.
- 4. The 60-day notice of case filing requirement is waived for good cause found, pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1)(D).
 - 5. This order shall become effective on March 9, 2025.

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BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell Secretary

Hahn, Ch., Coleman, Holsman Kolkmeyer, 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 27th day of February 2025.

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Nancy Dippell Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION February 27, 2025

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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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