## **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 No. WR-2024-0320

## MOTION TO SUSPEND EVIDENTIARY HEARING AND MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

COMES NOW Missouri-American Water Company ("MAWC"), on behalf of itself, and the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"); the Office of the Public Counsel ("OPC"); the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers; the Midwest Energy Consumers Group; Consumers Council of Missouri/AARP; City of St. Joseph; Public Water Supply Districts No. 1 and No. 2 of Andrew County; City of Riverside; The Empire District Electric Company d/b/a Liberty; and Triumph Foods, LLC, moves to suspend the remainder of the evidentiary hearing and requests expedited treatment, as follows:

1. The evidentiary hearing for this case has not yet been completed.

2. The terms of a settlement of the cost of service/revenue requirement have been agreed to in principle by MAWC, Staff and OPC and there is no known objection. While discussions about certain known remaining issues continue, those issues have already been tried.

3. Given this situation, it is believed that the parties' resources are best spent converting those agreed to terms to a stipulation and agreement for filing with the Commission.

4. Accordingly, the parties request that the Commission suspend the remainder of the evidentiary hearing and propose that the parties be directed to file a stipulation and agreement or a status report by March 17, 2025.

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**WHEREFORE**, MAWC requests that the Commission suspend its currently set procedural schedule to allow for creation and filing of a stipulation and agreement and further asks that the Commission afford this Motion expedited treatment.

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.

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