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Data Request OPC 8519  
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**DATA INFORMATION REQUEST**  
**Missouri-American Water Company**  
**WR-2024-0320**  
**General Rate Case**

**Requested From:** Ashley M. Randell

**Date Requested:** 01/27/2025

**Information Requested:**

Missouri American Witness Jennifer M.B. Grisham states at page 11 of her rebuttal/surrebuttal/sur-surrebuttal testimony that Missouri American is not experiencing negative reserves related to meters due to early retirements. Please define what Ms. Grisham understands the term “early retirements” to mean in this context.

**Requested By:** John Robinett ([John.Robinett@opc.mo.gov](mailto:John.Robinett@opc.mo.gov))

**Information Provided:**

The Company’s meters depreciate at 2.40% annually, implying a 41.6 year depreciable life. In practice, that is longer than meters will typically last operationally (“operational life”). This disconnect creates a situation where meters at the end of their “operational life” are not at the end of their “depreciable life”. When those meters are retired at the end of their “operational life”, the remaining “depreciable life” results in a negative accumulated reserve. When Ms. Grisham testifies that the negative reserve balances are not due early retirements, she is referring to the meters being at the end of their “operational life” when they are retired.

**Responsible Witness:** Jody L. Carlson, P.E.