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

In the Matter of the Compliance of Certain	)	
Missouri Water Corporations with the	)	File No. WO-2019-0043
Requirements of SB 705 and Related Matters	)	

## MAWC'S RESPONSE TO COMMISSION ORDER

**COMES NOW** Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) and, in response to the *Order Opening a Case and Directing Filings (Order)* issued herein on August 28, 2018, respectfully states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission"):

- 1. Section 393.358, RSMo, requires water utilities that serve more than 1,000 customers to develop and utilize a contractor qualification process in certain circumstances.
- 2. On August 16, 2018, the Staff of the Commission ("Staff") filed a motion asking the Commission to open a proceeding to address compliance with Senate Bill 705. Thereafter, the Commission issued its *Order* and directed the subject utilities to "file a statement within thirty days after August 28, 2018, confirming that they have established the required qualification process." The *Order* also directs the subject utilities to "track work orders before and after August 28, 2018 to assess the impact of section 393.358, RSMo, and shall provide that information to the Commission's Staff."
- 3. MAWC hereby confirms that it has a contractor qualification process that will be made available to all contractors seeking to provide construction or construction-related services for planned infrastructure projects on MAWC's water distribution system.
- 4. MAWC acknowledges the additional statutory requirements that (1) the process must be used for at least ten percent of the MAWC's external expenditures for planned infrastructure projects on the water distribution system; and, (2) that for contractors that do not qualify, upon request from the contractor, MAWC shall provide information to the contractor so

that it can be informed as to how to be better positioned to qualify for bid opportunities in the future.

5. MAWC also confirms that it will track work orders before and after August 28, 2018, to aid the Commission and the Legislature in assessing the impact of the new statute.

**WHEREFORE**, MAWC respectfully requests the Commission consider this response to comply with its Order.

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 this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018, to:

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