

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

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water )  
Company for a Certificate of Convenience )  
and Necessity Authorizing it to Install, )  
Own, Acquire, Construct, Operate, )  
Control, Manage and Maintain a Water )  
System and Sewer System in and around )  
the City of Neosho, Missouri )

**File No. WA-2026-0072**

**STAFF RESPONSE TO MISSOURI-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Staff”), by and through counsel, and for its *Staff Response to Missouri-American Water Company* (“Staff Response”) states as follows:

1. On September 24, 2025, Missouri-American Water Company (“MAWC”) filed a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (“CCN”) application with the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”), pursuant to Section 393.170, RSMo.
2. On January 29, 2026, Staff filed a *Staff Report and Recommendation* (“Report”) pursuant to a previous Commission order.
3. On February 9, 2026, MAWC filed a response to the *Report* in which it objected to three of the conditions (conditions 2, 7, and 8) recommended by Staff in the *Report*.
4. On February 10, 2026, the Commission issued an order requiring Staff to file a reply to MAWC’s response no later than February 17, 2026.
5. On February 17, 2026, Staff filed a *Motion for Extension*, moving for the Commission to grant an extension to February 23, 2026. The Commission granted this motion on the same day.

6. Within the week of February 17, 2026, Staff and MAWC engaged in multiple discussions regarding MAWC's objections to conditions 2, 7, and 8. Notwithstanding these discussions, it is Staff's belief that conditions 2, 7, and 8 are in compliance with Section 393.320, RSMo.

7. In light of the foregoing, Staff respectfully requests the Commission hold a procedural conference in which all parties may discuss an evidentiary hearing procedural schedule.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff respectfully submits this *Staff Response* for the Commission's consideration and prays the Commission grant further relief as it deems just and reasonable.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been transmitted by electronic mail to counsel of record this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2026.

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