

**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, ) **Case No. WA-2026-0072**  
Acquire, Construct, Operate, Control, )  
Manage and Maintain a Water System and )  
Sewer System in and around the City of )  
Neosho, Missouri )

**ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE  
AND ASSIGNMENT OF EXHIBIT NUMBERS**

Issue Date: April 16, 2026

Effective Date: April 16, 2026

On September 24, 2025, Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) filed an application with the Commission to approve an acquisition and grant a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity regarding a water system and sewer system in and around the City of Neosho, Missouri.

The Staff of the Commission (Staff) submitted its recommendation that the Commission approve the application subject to several conditions. MAWC responded with objections to three of the recommended conditions. The Commission subsequently ordered the submission of a proposed procedural schedule.

On April 15, 2026, the parties submitted a *Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule*.<sup>1</sup> The parties have requested expedited transcripts in order to meet a requested decision date of

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<sup>1</sup> “The parties” refers to all parties in the case: MAWC, Staff, the City of Neosho, and the Office of the Public Counsel.

August 13, 2026. The Commission finds the request for expedited transcripts reasonable and will grant it. The Commission finds the proposed procedural schedule reasonable and will order it unchanged.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The following procedural schedule is established:

Direct Testimony (all parties) <sup>2</sup>  DR response times to 10 calendar days with 5 calendar days to object or notify	April 7, 2026
Rebuttal Testimony (all parties)  DR response times to 3 business days with 2 business days to object or notify	May 7, 2026
Surrebuttal Testimony (all parties)	Friday, May 29, 2026
Settlement Conference	June 3, 2026
Joint List of Issues and Order of Opening Statements, Witnesses, and Cross-Examination filed by Staff	June 4, 2026
Last Day to Request Discovery	June 9, 2026
Position Statements	June 10, 2026
Last Day to Respond to Discovery	June 12, 2026

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<sup>2</sup> Direct testimony was previously ordered by agreement of the parties and is restated here for convenience. See *Order Granting Extension Submit Proposed Procedural Schedule and Setting Date for Filing of Direct Testimony*, issued March 30, 2026.

Evidentiary Hearing <sup>3</sup>	June 22 (beginning at 1:00 p.m.) and June 24, 2026
Transcripts available to parties	July 2, 2026
Initial Briefs	July 13, 2026
Reply Briefs	July 23, 2026

2. The parties shall comply with the following procedures:
- a. All parties must comply with the requirements of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240- 2.130 for prepared testimony, including the requirement that testimony be filed using line-numbered pages.
  - b. Although not all parties may agree upon how each issue should be described or on whether a listed issue is in fact a proper issue in this case, the parties shall agree upon and file a list of the issues to be heard, the witnesses to appear on each day of the hearing, the order in which they will be called, and the order of cross-examination for each witness. The list of issues should be detailed enough to inform the Commission of each issue that must be resolved. The Commission will view any issue not contained in this list of issues as not requiring resolution by the Commission
  - c. Each party shall file a simple and concise statement summarizing its position on each disputed issue.
  - d. All pleadings, briefs, and amendments shall be filed in accordance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.080. Briefs shall follow the same list of issues as filed in the case and must set forth and cite the proper portions of the record concerning the remaining unresolved issues that are to be decided by the Commission.

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<sup>3</sup> The evidentiary hearing was previously ordered and is restated here for convenience. See *Order Scheduling Evidentiary Hearing*, issued April 9, 2026.

- e. Copies of prefiled testimony and documents served upon the parties prior to the evidentiary hearing need not be provided to the court reporter for marking as exhibits. If not prefiled and served upon the parties, then a party who has a document marked for use at the hearing shall have sufficient copies of the document to provide a copy not only to the court reporter, but also to each of the Commissioners, the presiding officer, and counsel for every other party.
- f. All parties shall provide copies of testimony (including schedules), exhibits, and pleadings to other counsel of record by electronic means and in electronic form essentially concurrently with the filing of such testimony, exhibits, or pleadings where the information is available in electronic format. Parties are not required to put information that does not exist in electronic format into electronic format for purposes of exchanging it.
- g. Public documents filed in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS) shall be considered properly served by serving the same on counsel of record for all other parties via e-mail. The parties agree that confidential documents may be obtained from EFIS and so agree not to serve those documents via e-mail.
- h. Counsel for each party shall receive electronically from all other parties serving a data request, an electronic copy of the text of the "description" of that data request contemporaneously with service of the data request. Data requests issued to or by Staff shall be submitted and responded to in EFIS, if feasible, or in electronic format on compact disc, or by other means agreed to by counsel, if infeasible. Also regarding Staff-issued data requests, if the description contains highly confidential or proprietary information, or is voluminous, a hyperlink to the EFIS record of that data request shall be considered a sufficient copy. If a party desires the response to a data request that has been served on another party, the party desiring a copy of the response must request a copy of the response from the party answering the data request. Data requests, objections to data requests, and notifications respecting the need for additional time to respond to data requests shall be sent by e-mail to counsel for the other parties. Counsel may designate other personnel to be added to the service list for data requests, but shall assume responsibility for compliance with any

restrictions on confidentiality. Data request responses shall be served on counsel for the requesting party, unless waived by counsel, and on the requesting party's employee or representative who submitted the data request, and shall be served electronically, if feasible and not voluminous as defined by Commission rule.

- i. Parties shall make all reasonable efforts to not include confidential information or highly confidential information in data requests. If confidential information must be included in data requests, the confidential information will be appropriately designated as such pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.135. If highly confidential information must be included in a data request, the highly confidential information shall be appropriately designated as such.
- j. Data requests sent after 1:00 pm on a Friday, or on a weekend or state/federal holiday will be considered served on the next business day. If the deadline for responses or objection/notification does not land on a business day, these items will not be due until the next business day.
- k. Workpapers prepared in the course of developing a witness' testimony (including schedules) and exhibits shall not be filed with the Commission, but shall be submitted to each party within two business days following the filing of the particular testimony, unless a party has indicated that it does not want to receive some or all of the workpapers. Workpapers containing confidential information shall be appropriately marked and comply with the other requirements of rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135(2)(B). Counsel shall undertake to advise other counsel if the sponsored witness has no workpapers related to the round of testimony within the time allowed for providing those workpapers.
- l. Where workpapers or data request responses include models or spreadsheets or similar information originally in a commonly available format where inputs or parameters may be changed to observe changes in inputs or outputs, if available in that original format, the party providing the workpaper or response shall provide this type of information in that original format with formulas intact. Workpapers shall be provided in electronic format by e-mailing or by delivery of a compact disc or other electronic storage media.

3. Exhibit numbers are assigned as follows:

1-99	Missouri-American Water Company
100-199	City of Neosho
200-299	Staff
300-399	Public Counsel

Exhibits shall be marked as set forth in Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135(10)(C); for example, “Exhibit 2” is public, whereas “Exhibit 2C” is the confidential version.

4. This order shall be effective when issued.

**BY THE COMMISSION**



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nancy Dippell  
Secretary

Charles Hatcher, Senior Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.**



*Nancy Dippell*

**Nancy Dippell**  
**Secretary**

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**Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).<sup>1</sup>**

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell  
Secretary**

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Recipients listed above with a valid e-mail address will receive electronic service. Recipients without a valid e-mail address will receive paper service.