

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service
Commission held at its office in
Jefferson City on the 29th day of
July, 2026.

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water	)	
Company's Application for a Certificates of	)	
Convenience and Necessity Authorizing it to	)	
Install, Own, Acquire, Construct, Operate,	)	<u>Case No. WA-2026-0339</u>
Control, Manage and Maintain Water Systems	)	Tracking Nos. JW-2026-0149
and Sewer Systems as an expansion of its	)	JS-2026-0150
current CCNs in and around Twenty-Two	)	
Counties in Missouri.	)	

**ORDER GRANTING CCNS, WAIVERS AND APPROVING
TARIFF REVISIONS**

Issue Date: July 29, 2026

Effective Date: August 9, 2026

This order approves tariff revisions to update Missouri-American Water Company's (Missouri-American) water and sewer service areas. It also grants Missouri-American requested waivers.

Background

The Commission's *Report and Order* approving an agreement in Case No. WR-2024-0320, required Missouri-American to file new tariff service area maps and legal descriptions for its water and sewer service areas. On May 28, 2026, Pursuant to that *Report and Order*, Missouri-American filed two applications, Case Nos. WA-2026-0339 and SA-2026-0340, with the Commission requesting that the Commission grant it Certificates of Convenience and Necessity (CCNs (CCN when singular)) to acquire, own, install, construct, operate, control, manage and maintain water and sewer systems in multiple Missouri

Counties. The requested CCNs update and clarify Missouri-American's existing water and sewer service areas. The requested CCNs would also slightly expand several of Missouri-American's service areas to accommodate growth, align with existing geographic elements, and simplify mapping.

Missouri-American filed tariff revisions, Tracking Nos. JW-2026-0149 and JS-2026-0150, to update and define its service areas. The tariff revisions bore an effective date of June 27, 2026. The Commission at that time suspended the tariff revisions until December 17, 2026, or until further order of the Commission to provide sufficient time for the Commission's Staff (Staff) to evaluate the tariff revisions.

Missouri-American's application also requests a waiver of Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-4.017(1), concerning 60-days' notice prior to application filing, and of Commission Rules 20 CSR 4240-50.060(2) and 20 CSR 4240- 60.050(2), requiring that notice be provided to all potential customers within 20 days of filing an application where service is currently being provided by an existing system. Missouri-American is already providing service to these areas. Missouri-American has also filed a verified declaration that it has had no communication with the Office of the Commission within the prior 150 days regarding any substantive issue likely to be in this case. There is good cause to waive these customer notice provisions because no new customers will be acquired and no existing customers will be lost. Complying with these notice provisions is likely to cause confusion.

The Commission issued an order directing notice and setting an intervention deadline. No requests to intervene were received. On June 16, 2026, the Commission consolidated the water and sewer cases under Case No. WA-2026-0339.

During Missouri-American’s last rate case, Case No. WR-2024-0320, Missouri-American and the Staff of the Commission (Staff) agreed that many of Missouri-American’s maps in its current tariff were illegible, didn’t show a defined boundary area, lacked roads or highways, or had heading issues. Many of the legal descriptions were also illegible, included items that could change over time, items not easily available to the public, described multiple areas where one contiguous area could be described, or had heading issues. Missouri-American has been working with Staff, to modify multiple service area maps and legal descriptions culminating in this case.

On July 14, 2026, Staff recommended that the Commission approve the tariff revisions as filed and grant the necessary waivers. Staff proposed several conditions that Missouri-American does not oppose.

Decision

The Commission may grant a water corporation a CCN to operate after determining that the construction and operation are either “necessary or convenient for the public service.”¹ The Commission articulated criteria to be used when evaluating applications for utility certificates of convenience and necessity in the case *In Re Intercon Gas, Inc.*, 30 Mo P.S.C. (N.S.) 554, 561 (1991). The *Intercon* case combined the standards used in several similar certificate cases, and set forth the following criteria:

- 1) There must be a need for the service;
- 2) The applicant must be qualified to provide the service;
- 3) The applicant must have the financial ability to the provide the service;

¹ Section 393.170.3, RSMo.

- 4) The applicant's proposal must be economically feasible; and
- 5) The service must promote the public interest.

These criteria are also known as the Tartan Factors.²

There is a current and future need for water service. Missouri-American currently serves the customers under its existing tariffs. Those customers will continue to need water and sewer service.

Missouri American is qualified to provide the service because it is currently providing water service to approximately 486,000 customers and sewer service to more than 24,500 customers in Missouri. Through its continuing operation of utility systems throughout Missouri, MAWC has demonstrated its qualifications to operate the systems.

Missouri-American has financial ability to provide water and sewer service to the customers served under these tariff revisions because it is already providing them with water and sewer service.

The proposal is economically feasible because Missouri-American is not building or buying anything in this case. Missouri-American is updating its tariffs, which is not an economic burden for the company.

Missouri-American is updating its tariffs so that its service areas are accurate and clearly defined, and this promotes the public interest.

Based on the application and Staff's recommendations, the Commission concludes that the factors for granting CCNs to Missouri-American have been satisfied and that it is in the public interest for Missouri-American to provide water and sewer service in the service

² *In re Tartan Energy Co.*, 3 Mo.P.S.C. 173, 177 (1994).

areas defined within the tariff revisions at issue here. Therefore, the Commission will grant Missouri-American's requested CCN and approve its tariff revisions, subject to the conditions described by Staff's recommendation. In consideration of the original effective date of the tariff the Commission will make this order effective in less than 30 days.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Missouri-American is granted a CCN for each of the service areas addressed in its application and tariff revisions,³ which is Attachment 1, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Missouri-American must provide the Staff of the Water, Sewer, Gas and Steam Department with updated GIS shapefiles for each affected service area within 90 days after the effective date of this order and shall notify the Commission that it has done so.
- b. The Commission makes no finding that would preclude it from considering the ratemaking treatment to be afforded any matters pertaining utility plant constructed within the modified or expanded service areas, or providing service in these service areas, in any later proceeding.

2. The tariff revisions assigned Tracking Nos. JW-2026-0149 and JS-2026-0150 filed with Missouri-American's application on May 28, 2026, are approved to become effective on August 9, 2026.

³ A list of the affected service areas is contained within the memorandum attached to *Staff's Amended Recommendation and Recommendation to Approve Tariffs* filed July 14, 2026.

3. This order shall be effective August 9, 2026.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

Hahn, Ch., Coleman, Kolkmeier,
and Mitchell CC., concur.

Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Pursuant to 386.290, RSMo., 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 29th day of July, 2026.



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MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

July 29, 2026

Case No: WA-2026-0339

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

Sincerely,



**Nancy Dippell
Secretary**

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