

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water	)	
Company's Request for Authority to	)	
Implement a General Rate Increase for	)	<u>Case No. WR-2026-0304</u>
Water Service Provided in Missouri Service	)	
Areas	)	

ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Issue Date: August 6, 2026

Effective Date: August 6, 2026

On August 3, 2026, Missouri-American Water Company, the Staff of the Commission, and the Office of the Public Counsel filed a *Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule*.¹ The Commission finds the schedule reasonable, and it will adopt it with slight modifications.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The following procedural schedule is established:

Discovery Conference	September 23
Discovery Conference	October 28
Discovery Conference	November 18
Non-Company Direct – Revenue Req.	November 30
Local Public Hearings	December
Company Provides Update Information	December 15
1st Technical Conference	December 16

¹ The Commission will rule upon intervention requests in a subsequent order.

Non-Company Direct – Rate Design	December 18
2nd Technical Conference	December 29
Discovery Conference	January 13
Rev. Req. Rebuttal	January 20
Rate Design Rebuttal	January 20
Last Day to Notice Deposition	February 8
Discovery Conference	February 11
Surrebuttal	February 11
Internal Circulation of Issues	February 16
Settlement Conference	February 16-17
Reconciliation	February 18
List of Issues, Order of Opening Statements, Order of Witnesses, Order of Cross-Examination, etc.	February 18
Last Day to Request Main Case Discovery	February 18
Last Day to Object to Discovery	February 19
Position Statements	February 24
Evidentiary Hearing	March 1- 12
Initial Briefs	April 9
Reply Briefs	April 26

2. The Commission adopts the following discovery procedures:
 - a. The Parties agree to provide all workpapers, in electronic format, whenever feasible, within two business days following the date on which the related testimony is filed. Workpapers containing confidential information shall be appropriately marked pursuant to

Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135. If there are no workpapers associated with testimony, the party shall so notify the other parties within the time allowed for providing those workpapers.

- b. 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.
- c. All Parties shall provide copies of testimony, schedules, exhibits, and pleadings to other counsel of record by electronic means and in electronic form essentially concurrently with the filing of such testimony, schedules, exhibits, or pleadings where the information is available in electronic format. Parties shall not be required to put information that does not exist in electronic format into electronic format for purposes of exchanging it.
- d. The Parties agree as follows with respect to Data Requests:
 - 1. After revenue requirement direct testimony is filed (beginning November 30, 2026), the response time for all data requests shall be ten calendar days to provide the requested information, and five business days to object or to notify the requesting party that more than ten calendar days will be needed to provide the requested information.
 - 2. After the filing of revenue requirement rebuttal testimony (January 20, 2027), the response time for data requests shall be five business days to provide the requested information, and three business days to object or to notify the requesting party that more than five business days will be needed to provide the requested information.
 - 3. Data requests sent after 5:00 p.m. on Monday-Friday, or on a weekend or state/federal holiday, will be considered served on the next business day.
 - 4. The Parties shall make an effort to not include in data request questions confidential information, and the Parties shall make an effort not to over designate information as confidential. If confidential information must be included in data request questions, the confidential information should be appropriately designated as such pursuant to 20 CSR

4240-2.135. Responsibility to make this designation is upon the Party claiming such. Other Parties are entitled to rely on the presence or absence of such designation.

5. Any data requests issued to or by Staff shall be submitted and responded to in the Commission's Electronic Filing and Information System (EFIS) pursuant to 20 CSR 4240-2.090(2)(H). All data requests other than those issued to or by Staff, as well as all objections to data requests, or notifications of the need for additional time to respond, shall be sent by e-mail to counsel for the other parties. Regarding data requests issued via EFIS, if the description contains confidential 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, thereby providing the responding party the opportunity to object. 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. If any party responds to a data request in EFIS, the response is available in EFIS to all counsel on the certified service list. Data request responses, other than responses to data requests in EFIS, 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. In the case of responses to data requests Staff issues, MAWC shall also submit the responses to Staff data requests in EFIS, if feasible, or in electronic format on compact disc or by other means agreed to by Staff counsel, if infeasible.

3. The Parties agree to the following provisions regarding discovery conferences:

- a. Discovery conferences will be held in Room 305 at the Commission's office at the Governor's Office Building, 200 Madison Street, Jefferson City, Missouri, with remote connectivity via Webex to be provided upon any party request. Each discovery conference will begin at 10:00 a.m.

- b. Not less than three business days before each discovery conference, any party that has a discovery disagreement or concern involving another party shall file a brief statement describing that disagreement or concern and identifying any other parties involved. Such statement does not need to be a formal motion to compel. Any party may attend a discovery conference, but only those parties involved in an identified discovery disagreement must attend. If the parties do not identify any discovery disagreements or concerns as described herein, the presiding officer may cancel the conference.
- c. Discovery conferences shall be on the record and shall be transcribed by a court reporter.
- d. Any pending written discovery motion may be taken up at a discovery conference and may be ruled upon by the presiding regulatory law judge either on the record, or in a written order.
- e. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.090(B)(2)'s requirement that a party must seek a telephone conference with the presiding officer before filing a discovery motion is waived.

4. For the Statements of Position, each party shall file a simple and concise statement summarizing its position on each disputed issue, including citations to pre-filed testimony supporting its position.

5. All parties shall provide copies of testimony (including schedules), exhibits, and pleadings to other counsel 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 (.PDF, .DOC, .WPD, .XLS, etc.). Parties are not required to put information that does not exist in electronic format into electronic format for purposes of exchanging.

6. Public documents filed in EFIS shall be considered properly served by serving the same on counsel of record for all other parties via e-mail. The parties agree confidential documents may be obtained from EFIS and so agree not to serve those documents via email.

7. This order is effective when issued.



Ronald D. Pridgin, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 6th day of August, 2026.

BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell".

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

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 6th day of August, 2026.



Nancy Dippell

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Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

August 6, 2026

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

Sincerely,

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

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

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