

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water)
Company's Request for Authority to Implement) **Case No. WR-2026-0304**
General Rate Increase for Water and Sewer)
Service Provided in Missouri Service Areas)

PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: October 27, 2026

Effective Date: October 27, 2026

On October 20, 2026, Missouri-American Water Company (Missouri-American) filed a *Motion for Protective Order and Expedited Treatment*. The motion explains that that Highly confidential protection is needed because other parties may seek disclosure of confidential and proprietary information. The disclosure of Highly Confidential information concerning competitively sensitive and cyber security information could irreparably harm Missouri-American.

The Commission shortened the time for responses, but no responses were received.

The Commission will grant the motion. The following provisions do not relieve any party of compliance with Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.135.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. The following Protective Order is established:
 - a. Materials and information divulged by Missouri-American, or other parties, shall be considered "Highly Confidential" if so designated at the time of disclosure.
 - b. With regard to entities and individuals other than employees of the Staff of the Commission, and the Office of the Public Counsel:
 - i. Disclosure of materials or information so designated shall be made only to attorneys and/or to such outside consultants who have executed a

Commission Nondisclosure Agreement. No Highly Confidential information shall be provided directly or indirectly to any non-attorney individual or employee.

ii. Persons afforded access to materials or information designated “Highly Confidential” shall neither use nor disclose such materials or information for purposes of business or competition or any other purpose other than in regard to the case referenced above and shall keep the materials and information secure and confidential and in accordance with the purposes and intent of the protective order.

iii. All material and information designated as “Highly Confidential” in the possession of any entity or person, as well as any notes pertaining to such information, shall be returned to MAWC or destroyed upon the conclusion of the referenced case, and if requested by MAWC, persons afforded access to materials and information designated “Highly Confidential” shall verify in writing that such materials and information were returned or deleted and no copies have been maintained.

c. If a party disagrees with the “Highly Confidential” designation of any information, the party shall follow the informal discovery dispute resolution procedures set forth in Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.090(8). If the party exhausts these dispute resolution procedures, the party may file a motion challenging the designation.

2. The forms for use in accessing confidential information in these cases are attached to this order as Exhibit A (for access to “Confidential” information) and Exhibit B (for access to “Highly Confidential” information).

3. This order is effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

Nancy Dippell

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

John T. Clark, Senior Regulatory Law Judge,
by delegation of authority pursuant to
Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 27th day of October, 2026.

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

For Case No.: WR-2026-0304
(To Access Confidential Information)

I, _____, have reviewed the Commission's Rule at 20 CSR 4240-2.135 on the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

I have requested review of the confidential information produced in Case No. ER-2026-0143 on behalf of _____.

I hereby certify that:

- (a) Only employees of a party that are acting as an expert for that party or that have been retained for this case as an outside expert for that party may receive confidential information;
- (b) An employee is a person in the service of his or her employer whose services are controllable by the employer;
- (c) I am an employee of _____ [state name of intervenor] acting as its expert and/or its employee who intends to file testimony in this docket, or I am an outside expert for _____ [state name of intervenor] retained to provide expert consultation or testimony in this docket;
and
- (d) I have read and agree to abide by the Commission's Rule at 20 CSR 4240-2.135.

Dated on this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Signature & Title

Exhibit A

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Employer

Party

Address

Telephone

E-Mail Address

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

For Case No.: WR-2026-0304
(To Access Highly Confidential Information)

I, _____, have reviewed the Commission's Rule at 20 CSR 4240-2.135 on the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

I have requested review of the highly confidential information produced in Case No. ER-2026-0143 on behalf of

_____.

I hereby certify that:

- (a) Only certain persons may receive Highly Confidential information. These persons include outside attorneys of record for a party in the case, outside consultants retained by a party in this case, and attorneys of record for investor-owned utilities, who have executed a Highly Confidential Nondisclosure Agreement. Commission Staff and Office of Public Counsel, and their outside consultants may receive unredacted HC documents and information.;
- (b) I am an employee of _____ acting as an outside expert for _____ [state name of intervenor] retained to provide expert consultation or testimony in this docket;
- and
- (c) I have read and agree to abide by the Commission's Rule at 20 CSR 4240-2.135 and all terms of the Protective Order issued by the Commission in this docket.

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Dated on this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Signature & Title

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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 27th day of October, 2026.



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

Nancy Dippell
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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