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OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Complainant)))	Case No. WC-2004-0168
V.)	
Missouri-American Water Company, Respondent))))	

AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN P. CASSIDY

STATE OF MISSOURI)	
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COUNTY OF COLE)	

John P. Cassidy, being of lawful age, on his oath states: that he has participated in the preparation of the following Surrebuttal Testimony in question and answer form, consisting of 53 pages to be presented in the above case; that the answers in the following Surrebuttal Testimony were given by him; that he has knowledge of the matters set forth in such answers; and that such matters are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

John Canidy

Subscribed and sworn to before me this $\frac{2}{2}$ day of December 2003.

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7	Q. Please state your name and business address.
8	A. John P. Cassidy, 1845 Borman Court, Suite 100, St. Louis, Missouri 63146.
9	Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?
10	A. I am employed by the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) as a
11	Regulatory Auditor.
12	Q. Are you the same John P. Cassidy who has previously filed direct testimony in
13	Case Nos. WR-2003-0500 and WC-2004-0168?
14	A. Yes, I am.
15	Q. What is the purpose of your surrebuttal testimony?
16	A. The purpose of this surrebuttal testimony is to respond to the rebuttal
17	testimony of Company witness Edward J. Grubb with regard to the following areas:
18	compensation for services provided by Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC or
19	Company) to American Water Resources Inc. (AWR), Cost Allocation Manual (CAM) and
20	Affiliated Transactions. My surrebuttal testimony will also address the rebuttal testimony of
21	Company witnesses Patrick L. Baryenbruch, Eric W. Thornburg and Mr. Grubb regarding the
22	issue of Allocation of Belleville Labs Costs to MAWC. This surrebuttal testimony will also
23	address the rebuttal testimony of Company witnesses A. Joseph Van den Berg,

James M. Jenkins and Mr. Thornburg regarding proposed additional expenses and recovery of one-time non-recurring transition costs that were incurred in connection with MAWC's decision to join an affiliated National Call Center. This surrebuttal testimony will also address Mr. Van den Berg's, Mr. Jenkins' and Mr. Thornburg's rebuttal testimony with regard to recovery of one time non-recurring transition costs associated with MAWC's decision to join an affiliated National Shared Services Center.

7 The Staff will explain additional adjustments regarding the Call Center since its direct 8 filing. The Staff will explain a correction to the Call Center transition cost adjustment based 9 on additional information supplied by the Company subsequent to the Staff's filing of direct 10 testimony and a correction to the posting of the transition cost adjustment related to National 11 Shared Services. The Staff will explain two additional depreciation reserve adjustments, 12 which relate to both the Call Center and National Shared Services transition cost adjustments. 13 The Staff will also explain a change to the severance cost adjustment based on additional 14 information supplied by the Company. Lastly, the Staff will propose a change in the current 15 payment arrangement that exists between MAWC and the Service Company.

Q. What is your response to the rebuttal testimony of Company witnesses Grubb,
Baryenbruch, Van den Berg, Jenkins and Thornburg regarding the issues of the Allocation of
Belleville Labs Costs to MAWC, Compensation for MAWC Services Provided to AWR,
CAM, Affiliated Transactions, Call Center and Transition Costs related to the Call Center and
the National Shared Services Center?

21 22 A. The Staff disagrees with the reasoning stated in the rebuttal testimonies of all of these witnesses regarding their proposed ratemaking treatment of these areas of dispute.

The Staff will address the rebuttal testimony of each Company witness and will also respond
 to some specific comments made by each witness in their respective rebuttal testimony.

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ALLOCATION OF BELLEVILLE LABS COSTS TO MAWC

Q. In his rebuttal testimony on page 3, lines 3-4, Company witness Baryenbruch claims that Staff recommends "that Belleville Lab expenses not directly charged to operating companies be allocated on the basis of the number of samples tested." Is this entirely accurate?

A. No. The Staff has recommended that Belleville Lab expense not directly charged to operating companies be allocated on the basis of the number of test analysis performed on those samples. The Staff wants to be entirely clear on this point.

Q. What is the distinction between the "number of samples tested" and the "number of test analysis performed on those samples?"

A. The number of samples tested represents the number of physical samples that are sent to Belleville Labs. The number of test analysis performed on those samples represents the sum total of all the various types of test analysis performed on those samples. For example, one test sample may be used to perform ten test analyses. Test analysis includes all of the analysis work required of each sample based on Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements and in some cases additional state requirements. Test analysis is therefore the better indicator of the work being performed in relation to those samples. Throughout the remainder of this surrebuttal testimony related to Belleville Labs the Staff will refer to its position of using test analysis versus Company's method of using customer counts.

Q. In making its adjustment is the Staff suggesting that MAWC reduce theamount of testing and sampling that is now performed at Belleville Labs?

1 A. No. On page 15, lines 33 and 34 of Company witness Thornburg's rebuttal 2 testimony he suggests that the Company "could...only do enough lab testing to meet the bare 3 minimum standards established by DNR." The Staff is in no way suggesting that the MAWC 4 reduce its level of testing and sampling that is required by EPA's federal water quality 5 standards that are duly enforced by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The Staff 6 encourages the Company to maintain strict adherence to all of its water quality testing 7 requirements. Staff's recommendation only addresses the allocation of cost among the 8 entities receiving service from Belleville Labs, not the performance or quantity of testing for 9 any specific entity.

Q. Why did the Staff propose its allocation methodology of distributing non-direct
Belleville Labs costs by using the actual test analysis performed for all operating companies
taking service from Belleville Labs?

13 A. The Staff's test analysis allocation methodology best represents the true nature 14 of work that is performed at Belleville Labs for MAWC and for all of American Water's other 15 operating companies. As will be explained later in this surrebuttal testimony, the Company's 16 proposed method of allocating Belleville Lab's costs using customer counts results in the 17 situation where Missouri ratepayers are forced to subsidize the testing work that is being 18 performed for customers residing in operating companies located in other states. The Staff's 19 methodology of allocating non-direct Belleville Lab costs using the actual test analysis for all 20 of the operating companies taking service from Belleville Labs results in a more accurate 21 assignment of cost to each operating company because it more appropriately reflects the work 22 that is performed at Belleville Labs.

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Q. 1 How does the Staff respond to Company witness Mr. Baryenbruch's claim that 2 Staff's method for allocating Belleville Labs non-direct costs to MAWC based on actual test 3 analysis is "wrong?"

A. The Staff disagrees with this claim made by Mr. Baryenbruch in his rebuttal testimony filing. The Staff believes it is clearly more logical to assign Belleville Labs' indirect costs to each of the operating companies based on actual test analysis performed by Belleville Labs for each operating company rather than using the respective number of customers of each operating company.

9 Test analysis represents the majority of the work actually being performed at 10 Belleville Labs. Using a measure of the work done is a more accurate measure of cost causation than using customer counts which does not reflect the work being performed for a 12 given operating company at Belleville Labs. For example, during 2002, although Missouri 13 had more customers than California, Illinois, Indiana or New Jersey, all four of these states 14 had a higher number of test analysis performed at Belleville Labs than Missouri during the 15 same time frame.

Q. Mr. Baryenbruch expressed concern in his rebuttal testimony on page 3, lines 18-22, that the Staff's test analysis allocation methodology is incorrect due to the fact Belleville Labs performs other work in addition to its role of performing testing of samples. Please respond.

20 A. The Staff attended a tour of the Belleville Lab facility. The Staff also 21 interviewed the director of Belleville Labs, Ms. Cheryl Norton, on a previous occasion and 22 also after the tour. The purpose of these interviews and the tour was to gain an understanding 23 of the nature of the operations and work that is performed at Belleville Labs. Ms. Norton

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1 indicated to the Staff that Belleville Labs generally is made up of two distinct work units. 2 The first unit involves the testing department that handles all of the testing requirements of all 3 the different operating companies of American Water. The second unit is the research 4 department. The research department is involved with a variety of microbiology research 5 projects that include developing new techniques or technologies to treat raw water more 6 effectively or to meet upcoming EPA water quality regulations. The research department also 7 performs specific projects that benefit a specific state or group of states. On such occasions 8 those states are directly charged for those projects.

Ms. Norton indicated to the Staff that the testing department performs 70% of the work at Belleville Labs while the research department performs the remaining 30%. Ms. Norton also indicated that 70% would also provide a fair representation of the number of employees that the testing department utilizes and also the amount of floor space that the testing department occupies. This clearly shows that a significant majority of the work performed at Belleville Labs pertains to testing and sampling work.

The Staff believes that use of test analysis is a more appropriate allocator than customer counts because it more accurately reflects the nature of the work being performed at Belleville Labs. The Staff also contends that the remaining indirect portion of the research department costs would naturally follow the test analysis allocation of the sampling costs, because as Ms. Norton indicated to the Staff during the tour, much of the research department's work could impact future levels of test analysis.

Q. Does the Company's proposed allocation of using operating company
customer counts make a distinction between the types of work performed in the two different
departments at Belleville Labs?

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A. No. The Company's own proposed allocation method makes no distinction for
 the work that is performed in the research department. Their methodology also results in
 having the indirect portion of research department costs follow the customer count allocation
 for testing and sampling costs.

Q. How does the Staff respond to Mr. Baryenbruch's assertion that the Staff's
allocation method is wrong because an operating company's total samples can vary from one
year to the next because of source water conditions, contamination events and regulations (see
page 3, lines 26-27)?

9 A. That Staff disagrees with Mr. Baryenbruch in that he believes that the potential 10 variability from year to year makes the Staff's test analysis method wrong. The Staff believes 11 that these types of conditions clearly underscore why the Staff's methodology is better. 12 Company's customer count methodology will never take into account conditions such as 13 source water condition, state specific regulations or contamination events because customer 14 counts have nothing to do with these types of events. Similarly, they do not address 15 differences in source of supply and numbers of connections to the systems that exist between 16 operating companies. However, Staff's methodology of using testing analysis is directly 17 correlated to each of these conditions.

Q. Does Belleville Labs currently track test analyses to be performed for each operating company?

A. Yes. Belleville Labs requires each operating company to submit a list of the number and frequency of water analyses that each operating company expects the lab to perform during the upcoming calendar year. These lists are received by the lab in the mid-November/early December time period. Ms. Norton, director of the labs, told the Staff that

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these lists would be a good indicator of the work to be performed by the labs in the upcoming
 year. In addition, Ms. Norton indicated to the Staff that the lab maintains a 12-year history of
 actual test analyses that it performs.

Q. Please respond to Mr. Baryenbruch's assertions that "allocation on the basis of samples tested could cause an operating company's portion of Belleville Lab costs to vary widely from one year to the next," (see Baryenbruch page 4, lines 7-8) while allocating based on the number of customers is much less variable (See Page 4, lines 7-15).

8 A. On page 4 of his rebuttal testimony, Mr. Baryenbruch uses New Jersey as an 9 example to demonstrate how an allocation based on test analysis can cause a variation in cost 10 from year to year. The Staff has discussed this chart with Mr. Baryenbruch and indicated to 11 him that the numbers do not match information that has been supplied to the Staff through 12 written data requests. Mr. Baryenbruch indicated to the Staff that he has adopted Staff's 13 calculations for 2002 but relied on inconsistent information that the Company supplied to him 14 for the other years in his analysis. The following chart reflects the consistent set of data for 15 test analysis allocations for New Jersey for the time period Mr. Bareynbruch examined in his 16 rebuttal testimony based on information supplied by the Company to the Staff in the 17 responses to Staff Data Request Nos. 266, 402 and 439.

12 Months	Test Analysis Allocation
YTD	<u>of Total Belleville Labs</u>
12/31/99	21.7%
12/31/00	23.8%
12/31/01	18.1%
12/31/02	23.9%
6/30/03	16.09%

26 Mr. Baryenbruch states on page 4 lines 1 and 2 that "New Jersey-American represents less
27 than 13% of total American Water customers." But as can be seen from the chart above,

1 New Jersey-American has consistently required more than 13% of the test analysis that has 2 been performed at Belleville Labs. Mr. Baryenbruch's own New Jersey example, clearly 3 demonstrates that using the Company's proposed customer allocation method results in 4 New Jersey-American rate payers consistently paying less for Belleville Labs costs than is 5 This means that all other American Water operating companies, including appropriate. 6 MAWC, are put in the position of subsidizing New Jersey- American's testing requirements. 7 What Mr. Baryenbruch's analysis shows is that New Jersey customers have been getting a 8 discount for water testing at the expense of ratepayers from other American Water operating 9 companies.

10 Q. Do you have another example that would demonstrate that the use of11 customers as an allocation basis is improper?

A. Yes. In January 2002, MAWC purchased the City of Florissant Water System (Florissant). Prior to this, Florissant operated as a wholesale customer of MAWC. Upon completion of the sale, Florissant customers became retail ratepayers of MAWC. The sale also resulted in a change of customer numbers from one when Florissant was a wholesale customer to approximately 14,500 when Florissant ratepayers became retail customers of MAWC. However, the test analysis required for MAWC did not change.

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Q. Has the Staff examined Missouri's historical test analysis experience?

A. Yes. The Staff has examined the percentage of Missouri related test analysis
to total Belleville Labs test analysis. The following chart shows an historical analysis of
Missouri test analysis and respective customer count allocations:

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	Staff Test Year	Customer Count
Period	<u>Analysis</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
12 months YTD 12/31/00	11.03%	16.10%
12 months YTD 12/31/01	8.71%	16.04%
12 months YTD 12/31/02	8.13%	15.27%
12 months YTD 6/30/03	6.65%	15.27%

8 This chart demonstrates that Missouri has experienced a continuous decline in its 9 percentage of test analysis required from Belleville Labs. Because of this continuous decline 10 the Staff chose the test year level as the most accurate predictor of the ongoing percentage of 11 test analysis and the associated costs. Furthermore, the Staff's test year level is conservative 12 because the update period ending June 30, 2003 indicates that test analysis has continued to 13 decline beyond the test period. The Staff also has a pending data request that will determine 14 test analysis levels through November 30, 2003. On the other hand, the Company's customer 15 count methodology attempts to allocate over 15% of non-direct Belleville Labs costs to 16 Missouri during the test year. By using the customer count methodology the Company is 17 forcing MAWC ratepayers to pay for more than 15% of non-direct Belleville Labs costs while 18 only 8.13% of the testing work at Belleville Labs is actually performed for MAWC. The 19 Staff's chart also reveals that MAWC has been consistently overcharged for Belleville Labs 20 costs based on the Company's customer count methodology in comparison to actual test 21 analysis.

Again, the Staff believes that the fact that test analysis does vary from year to year justifies the need to allocate these indirect costs based on what is actually taking place, namely test analysis. Of course, as Company witness Baryenbruch has suggested in testimony, allocating based on customer counts will provide much less variability in the

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allocation of Belleville Labs non-direct costs. Variability is not a factor in proper cost assignment and can in fact lead to improper cost charges. An entity that requires less work performed should receive less cost. Unfortunately, customer counts have nothing to do with testing expenses and therefore result in an inappropriate amount of non-direct Belleville Labs costs being assigned to MAWC. Furthermore, the effect of using the Company's methodology results in MAWC's ratepayers paying for testing and sampling costs that relate to ratepayers who are located in states other than Missouri.

Q. How does the Staff respond to Mr. Baryenbruch's claim that the Company's method of allocating non-direct charges is "straightforward and understandable?"

A. While the Company's method may be straightforward and understandable that, by itself, does not make it appropriate. As the Staff has pointed out, MAWC's customer counts do not correlate to the work that is being performed at Belleville Labs. Furthermore, the Staff believes that using the number of test analysis instead of customer of counts is also straightforward and understandable.

Q. Please respond to Mr. Baryenbruch's statement on page 5, line 15-16 that "if
different allocation factors were used in different states, the process would undoubtedly cost
more to administer."

A. While Mr. Baryenbruch makes this statement in his testimony he provides no actual cost studies to support such a claim. The Staff believes that knowing that a current allocation methodology is creating a situation where MAWC is being forced to pay nearly twice as much for testing costs than test analysis would suggest and that also creates intercompany subsidies is inappropriate and should lead to the implementation of test analysis as a consistent standard.

- Q. 1 How does the Staff respond to Mr. Baryenbruch's point that because every 2 American Water operating company uses the same allocation method for non-direct charge 3 expenses it creates a system wide consistency (Baryenbruch rebuttal, page 5, line 12)?
- 4 A. The Staff believes by adopting the approach of allocating non-direct Belleville 5 Lab charges based on actual test analysis that American Water can improve upon its current 6 allocation process by making it more reflective of the work that is performed at the Lab.
 - Q. How does the Staff respond to Mr. Baryenbruch's statement that Company's methodology provides consistent customer impacts (Baryenbruch rebuttal, page 5, line 22)?

9 A. Mr. Baryenbruch claims that by using number of customers as its allocation 10 methodology, American Water ensures that activities cost the same from one customer to 11 another and from one state to the next. The glaring problem that this claim ignores is that customer counts have no correlation to testing and sampling expense. Mr. Barvenbruch's 12 13 position would force customers to pay the same amount regardless of the fact that the costs to 14 serve some of those customers is significantly less than the costs to serve other customers. 15 Therefore, the consistent customer impact is irrelevant and does not address the subsidies 16 occurring between the various operating companies because of different levels of test analysis 17 performed for each state. In contrast, the Staff's proposed allocation methodology tracks 18 actual test analysis, which represents the majority of the resources and work that is performed 19 at Belleville Labs.

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Q. Please respond to Mr. Baryenbruch's claim that the cost of changing the 21 allocation basis for Belleville Lab services from number of customers to number of samples 22 tested based on Staff's recommendation is not worthwhile.

While Mr. Baryenbruch makes this claim (Baryenbruch rebuttal, page 7, lines 1 A. 2 3-6), he does not provide any cost evidence to support it. He only goes on to say that Staff's 3 adjustment is worth \$346.337 and that on a per customer basis this would represent 4 approximately \$.07 per customer per month and would require the Company to secure 5 regulator approval in other states. The Staff contends that its proposed adjustment is material 6 in amount and more accurately reflects the nature of the work being performed at Belleville 7 Labs than the Company's customer count allocation methodology. It also avoids the effect of 8 having Missouri ratepayers subsidizing the customers who reside in other states for the work 9 that is performed at Belleville Labs. The Staff recommends that the Commission adopt the 10 test analysis allocation methodology to distribute non-direct Belleville Labs Service Company 11 costs to MAWC.

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COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY MAWC TO AWR

Q. On page 21, lines 9-14, Mr. Grubb states his belief that MAWC is in no way "involved in the provision of service by AWR." Is this statement correct?

A. No. As the Staff has already described in its direct testimony, MAWC has made it possible for AWR to offer its water line protection program only because it has supplied a list of customers to AWR on two separate occasions. MAWC has also provided on four occasions a signed letter of endorsement by Mr. Thornburg, MAWC's President, promoting this water line protection program. The letterhead on the letter also contains the trusted name of MAWC as well as the logo used by the Company. The fourth AWR mailing was sent to MAWC customers on October 15, 2003. This mailing is attached as Schedule 1 to this surrebuttal testimony.

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Are there any other ways MAWC is involved in the AWR program?

Yes. If a customer experiences a leak, they are instructed to "...call the toll 1 A. 2 free number shown on your water bill from Missouri American Water Company. In the event 3 Missouri-American determines the leak is to your customer-owned water line. We will 4 arrange to have an approved independent contractor call you to set up a time...to arrange for 5 repair of your customer-owned water line." This statement indicates that AWR enlists the 6 involvement of MAWC employees to inspect and determine the source of any leaks. It also 7 indicates that AWR uses the resources of the National Call Center. Therefore, the number of 8 calls the National Call Center handles must also include those calls, which relate solely to 9 AWR activities. In Staff Data Request No. 173, the Staff asked the Company if the Call 10 Center tracked the number of calls related to questions about the water line protection 11 programs. In the response to item five in that data request the Company indicated, "The 12 Company does not have any categorical breakdown for the call volume as described." The 13 Staff followed up Data Request No. 173, via email, with a question regarding how the Call 14 Center tracks the types of calls that it receives. The Company responded with the following: 15 The Alton CSC does not track call volume by type of calls received for each state. Due to the large volume of calls received, the Center breaks 16 17 down their call volume by state only. For example: A group of Customer Service Associates (CSA's) are assigned to the MO Regional 18 19 Skill, a group of CSA's are assigned to the IL Regional Skill and etc. 20 At present, the Center is not tracking calls by type of calls received but 21 instead by the volume of calls received by state. 22 The Staff has attached the response to Staff Data Request No. 173 and the related email 23 response regarding this Data Request as Schedule 2 to this surrebuttal testimony. I will 24 discuss this situation more in this surrebuttal testimony regarding the Call Center.

25 26 Q. Does the Staff believe that a water line protection program can be beneficial to Missouri ratepayers?

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A. Yes. The Staff believes that a properly administered water line protection program can benefit customers who wish to protect their service line.

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Q. Please respond to Company witness Grubb's argument that a MAWC demand of compensation from AWR would have been inappropriate.

5 A. AWR is in the business of offering a water service line protection program in 6 order to make a profit. For AWR to make a profit, the firm is soliciting thousands of 7 customers. Many have already signed up for the program. However, AWR would not earn a 8 single dollar of profit without the customer lists that MAWC ultimately provided to it free of 9 charge. If MAWC was truly acting in its own best financial interests, it would have 10 negotiated a better deal than to receive absolutely no compensation at all for all of the services 11 it provided to AWR. MAWC would not give these customer lists to a non-affiliated company 12 without seeking compensation. This very point highlights the concerns the Staff has with 13 MAWC's interactions with its affiliated companies such as AWR. Company witness Grubb 14 attempts to explain this situation on page 23, lines 8-9 by suggesting that MAWC chose to 15 assist AWR free of charge in order to reduce "customer dissatisfaction with failing service 16 lines." The Staff believes, from its perspective, that American Water would rather have a non-17 regulated affiliated company AWR offer the program instead of the regulated MAWC. This 18 would allow AWR to keep all of the profits and at the same time use the time and resources of 19 the utility free of charge. If MAWC were to offer the program, the profits it earned from such 20 a program would help to reduce rates that ratepayers in Missouri would have to pay. As it 21 stands, by offering the program through an affiliate, AWR can keep all of the profits while 22 MAWC can avoid sharing the profits of such a program with its ratepayers. The Staff 23 contends that since the program is offered through an affiliated company and MAWC is not

1	acting in the best interests of its ratepayers, some adjustment needs to be made to properly
2	compensate MAWC and its ratepayers. The Staff believes that MAWC should not have
3	provided the customer list and all of the aforementioned services without compensation from
4	AWR for Missouri ratepayers who have been solicited for the program.
5	Q. Has the Staff requested information regarding the operations of AWR?
6	A. Yes. The Staff has requested information pertaining to AWR in Data Request
7	Nos. 144 and 277-279. In response to each of those data requests the Company has filed an
8	objection. Currently, the Staff has still not received any information with regards to any of
9	these requests. Each of these data requests were part of Staff's Motion to Compel Answers to
10	Staff Data Requests. Information that the Company has denied to the Staff regarding AWR in
11	these requests includes the following:
12 13	1. Access to AWR's Board of Director's meeting minutes from January 1, 2000 to present.
14 15 16	2. A copy of all studies and analysis that would show what AWR would experience by offering the program to MAWC customers for each year covering 2003-2006 for each of the following items:
17	Total Expenses
18	Total Revenues
19	Net profits on an annual basis
20	Number of customers served
21 22 23	3. A 2003 monthly breakdown of actual revenues, actual number of customer served, actual expenses and actual net income that AWR actually experienced via MAWC customers.
24 25 26 27	4. An historic breakdown of actual revenues, actual expenses, actual numbers of customer served and actual net profits AWR has experienced in other states where it has already offered its protection program.

1 2 3 5. The level of actual revenues, actual expenses, actual number of customers served and actual net profits AWR expects to receive from offering its protection line program to in other states in the future.

4 This information would allow the Staff to examine the decision making process that led to the 5 water line protection program and how AWR expected to obtain the customer list. It would 6 also show who was making the decisions and how much profit was available to share with 7 MAWC. This information is also crucial in allowing the Staff to determine an appropriate 8 amount of compensation for MAWC. This information would also shed light on whether this 9 transaction was truly conducted in an appropriate manner. Clearly the Company would rather 10 not disclose this information to the Staff and instead accuse the Staff of being "arbitrary" (See 11 Grubb rebuttal, page 23, line 22) and "grossly excessive" (See Grubb rebuttal, page 21, line 12 27) in attempting to make an adjustment to fairly compensate the Company and its ratepayers.

13 14 Q. Does the Staff agree with Company witness Grubb's suggestion that \$8,400 is an appropriate valuation of the customer list?

15 A. No. Company witness Grubb states that he has research that shows the cost of 16 lists similar to MAWC's customer list being worth \$35 to \$75 per 1,000 customers "on the 17 open market" (Grubb rebuttal, page 23, line 25). The problem that Mr. Grubb's research 18 ignores is that AWR is not offering it service on the "open market." The service is being 19 offered to captive utility customers. Furthermore, without the MAWC customer list and 20 Company endorsement, it would have been extremely difficult if not impossible for AWR to 21 conduct its business, earn profits and offer its services to MAWC customers. Obviously, the 22 MAWC customer list has much more value than the one-time payment of \$8,400 suggested 23 by Mr. Grubb.

Q. Did the Company receive any compensation for MAWC
President Thornburg's time?

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A. No. Company witness Grubb states on page 24, lines 10-11 that "There was
 absolutely no incremental cost to MAWC in connection with this letter. There is no
 reasonable way to place a value on Mr. Thornburg's letter."

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Does the Staff believe that this is reasonable?

A. No. The Staff believes that it is unreasonable to attribute zero value to Mr. Thornburg's time or to the letter itself. The Staff thinks it is reasonable to believe that Mr. Thornburg spent time discussing the program in meetings, concluding that the program was of value to MAWC and its customers, reviewing similar programs that were offered in other parts of the American Water system and either drafting or at least reviewing the letter that has been mailed to MAWC customers on four occasions.

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Q. What compensation is the Staff attempting to recover in making its adjustment?

13 A. The Staff is attempting to recover a portion of the profits that AWR will generate annually from offering the water line protection program in Missouri. The Staff 14 15 believes that MAWC is fairly entitled to 50% of AWR's profits. Without all of the services 16 provided by MAWC, the Staff believes AWR would have difficulty making any profits. 17 However, under the Staff's proposal to share profits equally, AWR and MAWC and its 18 ratepayers would profit from the program. The Staff does not believe that a one-time 19 payment for the customer list represents fair compensation to MAWC for opening the door 20 for AWR to potentially earn significant unregulated profits.

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COST ALLOCATION MANUAL (CAM)

Q. Please respond to Company witness Grubb's concerns about the Staff's
proposed reporting requirements regarding the Company's CAM.

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A. Mr. Grubb believes the CAM should represent nothing more than a reference
manual (Grubb rebuttal page 29, line 20). As such, he believes the Company should not be
required to update the CAM with meaningful actual monthly data. Furthermore, Mr. Grubb
disagrees with five of the six additional CAM reporting requirements that are proposed by the
Staff. The Staff believes that MAWC's CAM should be more than merely a "reference
manual" with no supporting cost data.

In its current state, no party can examine the CAM and make any determination about the appropriateness of any of the costs being allocated to all the various entities. The Staff's proposed requirement attempts to make the CAM a more useful tool to be used to determine the appropriateness of the affiliated transactions, not only during actual rate proceedings, but also to act as a monitoring tool in between those rate proceedings.

Q. Please address each of Mr. Grubb's concerns, regarding what the Staff believes
the CAM should clearly identify.

A. <u>CAM Requirement 1</u>: Total Service Company costs by month – Currently the CAM does not identify this information. This information should already be tracked, recorded and reviewed monthly by some individual at the Company. The Staff is merely requesting that this information also be placed in a monthly report as part of its CAM.

18 <u>CAM Requirement 2</u>: Allocation Basis used to distribute those costs each month to all
19 entities –Company witness Grubb indicates that the Company already tracks this information
20 for the CAM. MAWC should continue to provide this information.

<u>CAM Requirement 3</u>: Identify costs borne by each entity taking service from the
 Service Company – Currently, the CAM does not identify this information. This information
 should already be tracked recorded and reviewed each month by some individual at the

Service Company. The Staff is only requesting that this information be included in a monthly
 report as part of the Company's CAM.

<u>CAM Requirement 4</u>: Identify Service Company costs by month identified by cost pool and the corresponding allocation basis. – Currently, the CAM does not identify this information. Mr. Grubb indicates on page 31, line 4 of his rebuttal testimony that "the financial system would produce the information," however he feels it is not appropriate to include this information in the CAM. The Company already tracks the information. The Staff is merely recommending that this information be included in a monthly report as part of its CAM.

10 <u>CAM Requirement 5</u>: Report monthly allocated Service Company costs along with
 11 the monthly allocation calculations broken down by Service Company functions as shown
 12 below:

Shared Services Center	Belleville Labs
Call Center	Corporate
Regional Offices	ITS Haddon Heights, NJ
ITS Hershey, PA	ITS Richmond, IN

17 Mr. Grubb indicates that he does not have an issue with doing this, but would rather do it on 18 an annual basis. However, the Staff asks to receive the information on a monthly basis. 19 Given the complex nature of the affiliate transactions resulting from the allocation of Service 20 Company costs it is imperative to maintain this data on a monthly basis in order to provide the 21 most accurate history. Changes in operations and customer levels at any of American Water's 22 operating companies can impact the allocations of all the remaining entities. The Staff will 23 need the monthly detail to accurately determine the appropriateness of Service Company 24 allocations to MAWC.

1	CAM Requirement 6: For each of the Service Company functions listed in
2	requirement 5, the Company should maintain a monthly expense detail report of the total
3	Service Company expenses that can be examined by the Staff to determine if expenses that
4	are being allocated are reasonable and appropriate. The Staff believes this item is very
5	important and should be part of its CAM requirements. The Staff needs this information to
6	determine what the allocated amounts are comprised of and to determine if it is even
7	appropriate to allocate the costs to MAWC.
8	Q. Has the Staff requested that similar information be reported within the context
9	of a CAM with regard to other utilities operating in Missouri?
10	A. Yes. The Stipulation And Agreement in Case No. EM-2001-464, involving
11	the Kansas City Power & Light Company (KCPL), specifies that KCPL will provide the
12	following items in relation to its CAM:
13 14	Dollar amounts for each service and good charged to each affiliate by KCPL, and the total cost related to each service and good listed.
15 16	Dollar amounts for each service and good bought from each affiliate by KCPL, and the total cost related to each service and good listed.
17 18	The amount of revenues and expenses for each deregulated activity for the last calendar year.
19	Similarly, in Case No. GM-2001-342, involving the Laclede Gas Company (Laclede),
20	Laclede agreed to provide this same cost information listed above, as part of its CAM.
21	Clearly the CAM's for both KCPL and Laclede do not act merely as a reference manual as
22	Company witness Grubb suggests. These CAMS supply useful financial information in order
23	to assist the Staff in making a determination regarding these companies' affiliated
24	transactions. The Staff requests that the Commission require the Company to update its CAM
25	to include the requested information.

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AFFILIATED TRANSACTION RULE

Q. On page 32, lines 28-30, Company witness Grubb states his belief that the Service Company "billing process is fair and reasonable and that the regulated and non-regulated companies receive an appropriate amount of billed charges for the services rendered by the Service Company." Does Staff agree with this statement?

6 A. As the Staff has already explained previously in direct testimony, No. 7 regulated utilities receive indirect charges every month from the Service Company regardless 8 of whether the regulated utility actually received a direct charge for that service or not. On 9 the other hand, non-regulated entities only receive indirect charges in those months that they 10 actually received a direct charge. Clearly, this results in American Water's non-regulated 11 companies not being charged on an equal and consistent basis in comparison to American 12 Water's regulated operating companies. The Company's response to Staff Data Request 13 No. 403 verifies this inconsistent treatment between regulated and unregulated companies. 14 The Staff has attached the Company's response to Data Request No. 403 as Schedule 3 to this 15 surrebuttal testimony. The Company's response to Staff Data Request No. 445 clearly 16 indicates that this inconsistency has occurred in relation to various functions performed by the 17 Service Company and then allocated to MAWC. The Staff has attached the Company's 18 response to Data Request No. 445 as Schedule 4 to this surrebuttal testimony.

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Q. Please respond to Company witness Grubb's contention that "MAWC does not believe that an affiliate transaction rule is necessary at this time."(Grubb rebuttal, page 33, line 4).

A. The Staff strongly disagrees with this statement. Mr. Grubb goes on to say the
following in his rebuttal testimony:

With the exception of the relationship with American Water Capital Corp (AWCC), MAWC has no more or different relationship with the non-regulated businesses of American Water than it did 10 years ago. MAWC does not transact any business with any American affiliate on an on-going basis, with the exception of the Service Company and AWCC.

7 The Staff disagrees with all of these statements contained in Mr. Grubb's rebuttal testimony.

8 Ten years ago, AWR was not obtaining information and resources from MAWC, free of 9 charge, in order to offer its water line protection program. Similarly ten years ago, the 10 American Water Service Company was not providing a Call Center function, centralized 11 accounting at the National Shared Service Center, or even an Information Technology Service 12 function that served all of the operating companies. These functions were previously 13 performed on the local operating company level. The Staff has examined PSC Annual Report filings regarding the area of intercorporate charges to MAWC during the period covering 14 15 January 1, 1998 through December 31, 2002. This examination reveals the substantial 16 increasing trend of intercorporate costs being allocated to MAWC:

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*1998 and 1999 do not reflect MAWC intercorporate charges allocated to St. Louis County Water Company and United Water Missouri Inc. because these two entities received intercorporate charges from their previous owners during these two years. In 1998, St. Louis County Water and United Water Missouri incurred net charges totaling \$1.75 million from their respective affiliate companies, while receiving \$648,085 in inter-company revenues. In 1999, this affiliate net charge amount totaled \$3.28 million, while inter-company revenues totaled \$726,445.

In the current rate proceeding the Company has proposed to increase the 2002 level to over \$15.7 million by proposing to include an additional \$1.82 million related to a portion of additional call center costs and additional Information Technology Services (ITS) costs. With the significant increase in intercorporate costs being charged to MAWC, it seems clear to the Staff that a proposal to promulgate an affiliate transaction rule to address these new developments is imperative.

Q. Does the Staff believe that an affiliate transaction rule can be promulgated in
8 such a way that it is fair and reasonable?

A. Yes. Such rules have already been successfully put into place for electric and
gas utilities operating in Missouri. The Staff believes that these existing gas and electric
affiliate transaction rules can be modified for water utilities to insure that standards are in
place to protect both the Company and its customers, from potential affiliate abuses.

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NATIONAL CALL CENTER

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Q. What is the issue with regard to National Call Center expense?

15 The Call Center expense issue is an allocation issue. The Staff has made all of A. 16 its adjustments to Call Center expense in order to protect MAWC and its ratepayers from an 17 inappropriate cost allocation process. The Company is proposing that MAWC incur significant increases in previous levels of Call Center expenses. Documentation from 18 19 American Water indicated to the Staff that the move to the Call Center would result in overall 20 In addition, based on the current allocation process some states have cost savings. 21 experienced lower ongoing customer service related costs while other states have experienced 22 increased ongoing customer service related costs as a result of the decision to develop the 23 National Call Center. The Staff contends that since American Water has achieved overall cost

1 savings, it would be inappropriate to allocate additional costs to any operating company based 2 on this overall collective outcome. No operating company should have received an increase 3 in costs above what it previously experienced and many, if not all, should have actually 4 realized a decrease from the costs previously experienced or what is referred to as "as-was" 5 costs. The Staff wants to make clear that it has not attempted to capture any of the overall 6 American Water cost savings that have occurred. Rather, the Staff's adjustment merely 7 maintains MAWC's previous levels of Call Center expense as was calculated by Company 8 witness Ed Grubb in his response to Staff Data Request No. 110.

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Q. Has Staff made any additional adjustments related to the National Call Center? A. Yes. The Staff has included three additional adjustments, S-13.6, S-14.28 and S-17.6. These adjustments remove costs related to annualized labor, labor related benefits and payroll taxes that pertain to employees already included in the Staff's cost of service calculation for customer service costs on the MAWC level in addition to the allocated Call Center Service Company expense. The following chart summarizes the Staff's Call Center adjustments to test year expense:

16	Total Test Year Expense	\$3,669,378
17 18	Less: Staff Adjustment S-14.18 (\$3,005,947 + \$3,020)	\$(3,008,967)
19 20	Plus: Staff Adjustment S-13.4 (\$3,261,840 - \$122,449)	\$ 3,139,391
21	Less: Staff Adjustment S-13.6	\$(412,772)
22	Less: Staff Adjustment S-14.28	\$(91,430)
23	Less: Staff Adjustment S-17.6	<u>\$(33,760)</u>
24	Staff adjusted call center expense	\$3,261,840

25 Staff's adjusted call center expense represents the previously experienced "as was" call center 26 costs that were identified by Company witness Grubb in the response to Staff Data Request

No. 110. Company's response to Staff Data Request No. 110 also represents the operating
 costs and savings that MAWC prepared to compare "as was" call center costs factored up for
 all known changes to "as is" costs that supported Company adjustment in its direct testimony
 for ongoing call center costs. A copy of Company witness Grubb's response to Staff Data
 Request No. 110 is attached as Schedule 5 to this surrebuttal testimony.

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Q. Has the Company provided an "update" to its response to Staff Data Request No. 110, which forms the basis for Company witness Van den Berg's call center testimony?

A. Yes. However, the Staff points out that in the original response to Staff Data Request No. 110, the Company in no way indicated that the data it supplied was interim information, or that the Staff should expect that an update to Staff Data Request No. 110 would be forthcoming because the Company was waiting for additional information. It was only after learning of the Staff's call center adjustments that MAWC decided to change its position. The Staff will address Mr. Van den Berg's call center testimony later in this surrebuttal testimony.

Q. What amount did the Company propose to include for Call Center Costs in itsdirect testimony?

A. The Company originally proposed to include the following amounts related to
Call Center functions:

19	Test Year Expense St. Louis District	\$3,005,947
20 21 22	Cost of employees located in St. Louis that complete additional tasks not performed at the Call Center	\$ 878,917
23 24 25	Company's pro-forma adjustment of estimated allocated call center costs pertaining to non-St. Louis districts	<u>\$ 986,548</u>

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1 2		Subtotal Call Center related costs proposed by Company	\$4,871,412
3 4 5		Plus: Non-Recurring customer service costs related to District activity no longer in existence (included in test year)	<u>\$ 125,469</u>
6 7		Total Call Center Related Costs included in MAWC's proposal	\$4,996,881
8	Q.	What level of increase in Call Center related costs did the	e Company's original
9	response to Data Request No. 110, reveal that MAWC should expect to receive?		
10	А.	A review of the information supplied by the Company in	the response to Data
11	Request No. 110 (see schedule 5 attached) shows that the Company calculated a \$1.6 million		
12	increase in call center costs that existed prior to the formation of the National Call Center.		
13	Therefore, the Staff was not incorrect in making this determination of increased call center		
14	costs as Company witness Van den Berg had suggested in his rebuttal testimony on page 7,		
15	lines 15-18.		
16	Q.	Did MAWC propose any adjustment to remove the \$125,	469 of non-recurring
17	MAWC district level expense that occurred during the test year?		
18	А.	No. None of the Company's adjustments proposes to rem	nove the \$125,469 of
19	non-recurring district level expense from the test year, as shown above and identified in the		
20	response to Staff Data Request No. 298.		
21	Q.	What is the impact of failing to remove these non-recurring	ng costs from the test
22	year on Company's previous proposal?		
23	А.	By not removing the \$125,469 non-recurring costs the Co	ompany had included
24	in its proposal an amount that was in excess of \$1.7 million more than prior call center		
25	expense. Again, this analysis demonstrates that the Staff was not incorrect in making the		
26	determination of increased call center costs as Company witness Van den Berg has suggested		
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1 in his rebuttal testimony. The Staff's determination is based entirely on the information that 2 Company has supplied to Staff in Data Request Nos. 110 and 298.

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Q. Please describe the information that MAWC provided to the Staff with regard to "as-was" and "as-is" cost comparison in its response to Staff Data Request No. 110, which is attached as Schedule 5 to this surrebuttal testimony.

6 The Staff requested that the Company provide the costs and the savings that A. 7 were experienced as a result of the transition to the Call Center. As part of the response to 8 this Data Request, Company witness Grubb provided a study, which reflected the "as-was" 9 costs (costs that existed prior to the transition to the Call Center). Mr. Grubb adjusted these 10 "as-was" costs for wage increases that would have occurred since that time in order to bring 11 these costs to current levels. Mr. Grubb also indicated that, "The response to this data request 12 will encompass not just the St. Louis District but also all districts." These Company 13 calculations revealed that on a current cost basis the cost of the previous customer service 14 function would be \$3,261,840. Mr. Grubb also included a calculation of the current "as-is" 15

Call Center costs, which includes the following items:

16 17	Actual test year allocated St. Louis district call center costs	\$3,005,947
18 19 20	Company's adjustment to annualized all remaining MAWC Districts joining the call center effective May 2003	\$ 986,548
21 22 23	Actual maintained labor costs in addition to allocated Call Center costs that are performed at the district level	<u>\$ 878,917</u>
24	Total "As-is" Call Center Costs	\$4,871,412
25	The Staff did not adjust or modify these calculations in any way.	All of these costs represent

26 the amounts that have been supplied by MAWC. Staff members Stephen M. Rackers and I,

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John P. Cassidy contacted Mr. Grubb via conference call to discuss the response to this request. Mr. Grubb

1 2 stated during the conference call that his calculations accounted for all the costs to provide the 3 customer service function, at all the districts that were replaced by the Call Center. Also he 4 gave no indication that the Staff should expect a change or update to this request at any point 5 in the future. Based on the Company's own calculations, subtracting the "as-was" costs from 6 the "as-is" costs, reveals that the Company will incur an additional \$1.6 million related to 7 their decision to move to the Call Center. This number is further increased to \$1.7 million 8 given the additional test year level of \$125,469 of non-recurring district level customer 9 service expense that should be excluded.

Q. Please respond to Company witness Van den Berg's belief that the "as-was" to "as-is" comparison that the Company provided in the response to Staff Data Request No. 110 is now invalid.

13 A. Mr. Van den Berg now wants to move away from the Company's previous cost 14 comparison calculations provided in Data Request No. 110 by suggesting the previous 15 calculations did not consider customer growth or increases in call volume (Van den Berg page 16 9, lines 15-16). Mr. Van den Berg asserts that Mr. Grubb's "as-was" case did not consider 17 changes in MAWC call volume (Van den Berg page 10 lines 1-9). The Staff disagrees with 18 Mr. Van den Berg's claim. Clearly, a review of page 2 of Schedule 5 attached to this 19 surrebuttal testimony, shows Mr. Grubb's analysis did make a comparison of "as-was" call levels to "as-is" call levels. Company witness Grubb indicates an "as-was" cost of \$8.44 per 20 21 call and an "as-is" cost of being \$9.77 per call, or an increase of \$1.27 per call. Mr. Grubb 22 reflected "as-was" call levels as being 386,415 and estimated that "as-is" call levels to be 23 501,768. Mr. Van den Berg accepts Mr. Grubb's "as-was" call levels but develops his own

estimate of "as-is" call levels to be 521,529. Also, note that Mr. Van den Berg also accepts
Mr. Grubb's cost per call calculation of \$8.44, which is based on Mr. Grubb's \$3,261,840 "aswas" cost calculation as well as his 1999 call volume levels. It is also important to note that
even though Mr. Grubb identified an estimated increased call volume level, he did not
consider that to be the appropriate basis for calculating "as-was" costs as Mr. Van den Berg
now does.

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Q. Why does the Staff believe it is inappropriate to attempt to justify the increase in call center expense based upon Mr. Van den Berg's newly created number of calls?

9 A. There are several reasons that this is inappropriate. First, the 2003 call level of 10 521,529 as calculated by Mr. Van den Berg represents only his best estimate of what call 11 levels will be on a going forward basis and it is inflated due to the inclusion of calls that pertain to the operations of the affiliated company AWR. Mr. Van den Berg uses actual Call 12 13 Center experience from May through October 2003 and multiplies this level by two to achieve 14 an annual level. To this amount he adds an estimated ratio of Integrated Voice Response 15 (IVR) calls, which is based on a comparison of 2002 data to 2003 data. Mr. Van den Berg 16 does this because during 2003, the Call Center did not track IVR calls by state. However, as 17 the Staff has already pointed out earlier in this testimony, the Company has indicated in 18 response to Staff Data Request No. 173 that it does not maintain any categorical breakdowns 19 of calls that come into the Call Center relating to calls concerning the AWR water line 20 protection program. In an email follow up to this data request, the Company further explained 21 that it does not track call volume by type of calls received for each state and that currently, the 22 Call Center is not tracking calls by type of calls received but instead by the volume of calls

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received by state. Please refer to Schedule 2 attached to this surrebuttal testimony to view
 Data Request No. 173.

Likewise, in Data Request No. 174, the Staff requested the total number of calls that related to the service line protection program offered by AWR. Again, the Company was unable to identify these calls. Please refer to Company's updated response to Staff Data Request No. 174, attached as Schedule 6 to this surrebuttal testimony. The Staff is also aware that American Water Resources first offered its water line protection program to MAWC customers in April 2003. Therefore, it appears that the number of customers who have called the Call Center with questions regarding the AWR program improperly inflates Mr. Van den Berg's 2003 call calculations.

11 The Staff has verified that non-AWR employees located at the Call Center answer 12 questions about the AWR service line protection program. I have called the Company's Call 13 Center phone number listed at the bottom of my MAWC bill on multiple occasions and 14 spoken to customer service representatives about the specifics of the AWR water line 15 protection program. The Staff found that the customer services representatives had access to 16 information of AWR's offerings in multiple states and were knowledgeable about the 17 specifics of the program. The Staff also discovered that the Call Center telephone menu 18 contains an option that transfers the caller to a Call Center customer service representative 19 who is able to answer specific questions about the AWR program or to an AWR employee.

Second, Mr. Van den Berg states on page 10, on lines 5-6 that "the call volume has
increased from 386,415 calls per year in 2000 to an expected 521,529 calls per year in 2003."
The Staff believes Mr. Van den Berg's 386,415 calls per year actually relates to 1999. The
Company has indicated in the response to Staff Data Request No. 173, (please see Schedule 2)

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1 that "The customer call count of 386,415 was based on a time frame of 1999. These call 2 levels were developed through a survey of the Company based on the actual call total 3 experienced during the year 1999." When asked why the Company did not use more current 4 data, the Company has indicated that it did not have records of call totals for 2000 and 2001. 5 The Company also did not have actual call volumes for the first nine months of 2002 for all 6 non-St. Louis districts. Therefore, there is no way to determine if the 1999 levels represent an 7 accurate gauge of historical call levels on which to make any sort of a comparison with 8 estimated future call levels. Furthermore, MAWC did not own St. Louis County Water or 9 United Water Missouri for all of 1999. It is unclear as to how MAWC estimated their 10 respective call levels for 1999. The Company's response seems to indicate that the 1999 11 volumes were based on a "survey." The Staff has requested that the Company furnish the 12 actual call reports that they relied upon to develop this 1999 level in Staff Data Request 13 No. 480 in order to determine if these call volumes are actual levels or estimates.

Third, Mr. Van den Berg's analysis is inconsistent with the analysis that American Water performed and relied upon in making its original decision to develop its National Call Center. American Water did not rely on a comparison of "as-was" call volumes to an "as-is" estimated call volume level. Instead, American Water performed a comparison of "as-is" costs to "to-be" costs and also considered one-time transition costs. This type of analysis is more consistent with the analysis that Company witness Grubb performed in his response to Staff Data Request No. 110. The Staff will discuss American Water's Call Center analysis later in this surrebuttal testimony.

Fourth, it is inconsistent with information supplied to the Staff in its response to Staff
Data Request No. 383, which addressed Call Center costs as well as Call Center transition

costs. American Water prepared a document dated October 2000, subsequent to the
 August 24, 2000 date when American Water made their final decision to form the Call Center.
 In that document American Water states that the Call Center will provide a "High level of
 customer service at a decreased cost to the customer." The Staff has attached a portion of the
 Company's response to Staff Data Request No. 383 as Schedule 7 to this surrebuttal
 testimony.

7 Finally, the Staff contends that Mr. Van den Berg's 1999 call volumes are dated and 8 offer no other historic means of comparison. Also, it appears that these call volumes are not 9 actual volumes, but instead are based on estimates that may or may not be accurate. 10 Likewise, his 2003 call volumes are estimated and inappropriately include the effect of 11 customers calling with questions about the affiliated company AWR's service line protection 12 program. Mr. Van den Berg goes on to use these call volumes to compute the number of calls 13 per customer. These problems with Mr. Van den Berg's call volumes result in a flawed 14 Furthermore, Mr. Van den Berg's analysis is inconsistent with the analysis analysis. 15 American Water performed and relied upon in making its decision to develop the National 16 Call Center.

Q. Why is Mr. Van den Berg's calculation of \$4,401,704 of ongoing "as-was"
O&M cost inappropriate (Van den Berg, rebuttal, Schedule AJV2)?

A. Company witness Mr. Van den Berg, changes Company witness Grubb's
 previous "as-was" calculations from an actual cost methodology factored up for known
 changes, to a cost per call methodology that is based on estimates and distortions.
 Mr. Van den Berg does this by multiplying Mr. Grubb's \$8.44 cost per call by his estimated
 2003 call level of 521,529. Mr. Van den Berg also relies on Mr. Grubb's \$3,261,840 "as-

was" amount, which is the same number he also disputes on page 9, lines 5-22 of his rebuttal testimony. Again this calculation is based on an estimated number of calls as well as a level that is improperly inflated for calls related to an affiliated company's water line protection program. Furthermore, it is inappropriate to apply a cost of \$8.44 per call to a new level of estimated calls, as this logic assumes that all costs are variable.

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Q. Is Mr. Van den Berg's position consistent with the methodology found in the documentation that American Water relied upon in making its decision to create the consolidated National Call Center?

9 No it is not. This cost per call methodology was not the methodology that A. 10 American Water used in making its determination of the cost savings that it would achieve. 11 In Staff Data Request No. 448 the Staff requested a copy of all documentation that American 12 Water relied upon in making its decision to develop the National Call Center. The 13 Company's response to Staff Data Request No. 448 has been attached as Schedule 8 to this 14 surrebuttal testimony. In the response to Staff Data Request No. 449, MAWC indicated that 15 it also relied upon the same documentation supplied in the response to Staff Data Request 16 No. 448 in making its decision to join the Call Center. A review of this documentation 17 reveals that American Water and MAWC did not base their decisions to develop and join the 18 Call Center on the cost per call analysis. This document also demonstrates that American 19 Water expected an overall cost savings of \$10 million annually. This same document also 20 demonstrates that after a period of five years, American Water calculated that it would 21 entirely recapture all of its one-time transition costs and still achieve a savings of over \$31 22 million. This document is consistent with the statement made by American Water reported in

its 2001 SEC 10K filing that it expected the move to the Call Center to create savings and that
 the move and its related transition costs would have "no impact on customers rates."

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Q. Through the rebuttal testimony of Mr. Van den Berg is the Company now supporting a different Call Center adjustment than it previously proposed in the direct testimony of Mr. Grubb?

6 Yes. Based on Mr. Van den Berg's statement found on page 11, lines 10-16, A. 7 the Company now supports a lower ongoing level of call center costs than were supported in 8 its direct testimony filing. In its direct filed case, Company witness Grubb includes an 9 adjustment to annualize ongoing allocated call center expense at \$3,992,495, by including an 10 adjustment of \$986,548 to the test year allocated amount of \$3,005,947. Mr. Van den Berg is 11 now suggesting that the ongoing allocated Call Center adjustment has changed to \$217,281 12 for a total annual allocated cost of \$3,223,228. This is in addition to the same \$878,917 of 13 district level call center costs newly created by the Call Center's formation and the \$125,469 14 of non-recurring call center expense.

However, this new position still suggests that MAWC should incur \$965,774 of
additional ongoing expense because of its decision to join the Call Center. The following
chart shows a breakdown of this proposed additional ongoing expense:

18	"As-Was" Costs factored up for all changes	\$3,261,840
19	Less: Company's proposed allocated costs	(\$3,223,228)
20	Plus: MAWC additional district costs	\$ 878,917
21	Plus: Non-recurring costs not removed from test year	<u>\$ 125,469</u>
22	Additional Call Center Costs proposed by Company	\$ 965,774

1 The Staff contends that this is inappropriate given the fact that the Call Center has achieved 2 overall cost savings for American Water. Staff does not oppose the allocation of all the cost 3 savings from the decision to build the Call Center to other states. Staff does oppose 4 overstating the amount of those cost savings given to other states by inflating the costs 5 assigned to MAWC over the amount MAWC would have incurred absent joining the Call 6 Center. Since, there is overall costs savings, the Staff contends that at worst, MAWC should 7 experience no increase in "as-was" costs. The Staff's adjustments to the Call Center reflect no 8 increase and do not attempt to capture any of the overall savings.

9 Q. What is your response to Mr. Van den Berg's comparison of the Company's
10 new calculation for ongoing "as-was" costs to his new calculation for "as-is" costs as
11 explained on page 12, lines 1-12 of his rebuttal testimony?

12 A. Mr. Van den Berg tries to use these calculations to prove that a cost savings 13 has been generated by comparing his newly created version of "as-was" costs to his revised 14 version of "as-is" costs. He bases this notion upon a comparison between his calculation of 15 "as-was" costs that are based on estimated call volumes that are also inflated by AWR related 16 calls to Company's revised "as-is" position of taking service company bills for May -17 October 2003 and multiplying by two and then adding district costs that were created as a 18 result of the Call Center's formation. Mr. Van Den Berg makes this attempt to dispel the fact 19 that previously the Company indicated in the response to Staff Data Request No. 110 that this 20 comparison revealed an actual cost increase for MAWC of an additional \$1.6 million. Again 21 the Staff reiterates that this is an inappropriate comparison for the previous reasons stated and 22 it ignores the fact that the Call Center's formation created an overall cost savings to American 23 Water. Furthermore, Mr. Van den Berg's "as-is" position ignores the fact that Kentucky

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joined the Call Center on October 20, 2003 and Indiana is expected to join the Call Center on
 February 16, 2004.

Q. How does the Staff respond to Mr. Van den Berg's claim that Staff's position would result in duplicate functions remaining at the operating company creating duplicate costs for the operating company and the Service Company (Van den Berg, rebuttal, page 13, lines 1-9)?

7 A. The Staff has made all of its adjustments to Call Center expense to protect 8 MAWC and its customers from an allocation process that inappropriately results in additional 9 costs. By making its adjustments the Staff is not suggesting that MAWC should have retained 10 its existing call center functions at the local level. As the Staff has already pointed out in its 11 direct testimony, as of 2001 American Water believed that the Call Center would result in 12 "reduced operating expenses, resulting in no impact on customers' rates." This quote was 13 taken from the American Water 2001 SEC 10K filing. Further evidence of this is found in the 14 documentation that American Water and MAWC relied on in making the final decision to 15 develop the Call Center on August 24, 2000. This documentation was provided to the Staff as 16 part of Data Request No. 448, which is attached as Schedule 8 to this surrebuttal testimony. 17 American Water's final revised calculations revealed that they would realize an annual 18 savings of \$10,097,000 with a five-year net savings of \$31,239,000 which included recovery 19 of all related transition costs (please refer to pages 8-10 and 8-11 of Schedule 8). Page 8-13 20 of this document provides a breakdown of all "as-is" costs by state. The states "Introduction" 21 page (Page 8-28) in this document shows that American Water also prepared a table showing 22 the projected "to-be" costs and multiple scenarios for how these could be allocated back to 23 each state.

Q. Is the Staff able to compare the analysis for "to-be" costs for Missouri with the
 analysis for other states?

3 A. No. The Company only provided data for Missouri even though the 4 Company's response to Staff Data Request No. 448 indicates that the other states information 5 exists. The Staff contacted Mr. Jim Harrison, with American Water, who prepared the 6 Mr. Harrison indicated to the Staff that the other states' response to this data request. 7 documentation exists but that it would not be provided to the Staff. Mr. Harrison admitted 8 that in total American Water had actually experienced an overall cost savings in relation to the 9 move to the Call Center and that some states were now paying more for this move while other 10 states were now paying less. This is inappropriate. The Call Center was built with economic 11 reasons being a key factor in the decision. No state should have its cost of service increased 12 because of their inclusion in the Call Center. Otherwise, it is imprudent to join the Call 13 Center since they can provide the service at an overall lower cost level. As a result, MAWC 14 is now subsidizing the other American Water operating companies that received a cost 15 reduction. If the Staff had the "as-is" and "to-be" costs referenced in Data Request No. 448 16 for all other operating companies the Staff could examine this documentation to determine 17 whether these allocated costs were appropriate.

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Unfortunately the Call Center has not resulted in savings for MAWC. Instead, MAWC and its ratepayers are being asked to pay for a significant increase in total Call Center costs. In addition, MAWC is proposing to include "a return of" and a "return on" all of the one-time call center transition costs that relate to business assets they do not own and business processes that they do not control and this despite the fact that the American Water analysis (page 8-11 of Schedule 8) suggests that total transition costs would be recouped within two

years of developing the Call Center through the overall cost savings that have been passed on to other states. The Staff believes that Call Center costs should be left at the levels as calculated by Company witness Grubb that reflect "as-was" call center costs that were factored up for all known changes in cost. Likewise, the Staff argues that the Call Center related transition costs should not be included in rates, because they did not generate any cost savings to MAWC, they are one-time non-recurring costs, they relate to assets that MAWC does not own and to business processes that MAWC does not control.

Q. Please respond to Mr. Van den Berg's comments on page 15, lines 20-21, page 16, page 17, lines 1-9, page 19, lines 13-23 and page 20 lines 1-5.

A. On these referenced pages, Mr. Van den Berg comments about how customers today have expectations that are driven by industry standards for customer service. However, the Staff does not believe that MAWC or American Water attempted to determine what customer service expectations MAWC customers had, prior to the decision to develop the National Call Center.

Q. What level of customer service did MAWC supply prior to joining the Call Center?

A. In the response to Staff Data Request No. 309, the Company indicated that MAWC customer service provided core hours from 8:00 AM through 5:00 PM using approximately 22 call handlers. The Company was available all days except 11 company observed holidays.

Q. What has been the result of MAWC transferring its customer service functions
to the Call Center?

A. The Company claims better service and more efficient use of technology.
 However, this proposed level of service has created, based on the Company's revised
 position, nearly a \$1 million increase in customer service costs despite the fact that, on an
 overall basis, American Water has achieved cost savings.

Q. Has MAWC's history of complaints suggested that customers were having
problems with its previous levels of customer service?

A. No. The Staff's Engineering and Management Services Department performed
an analysis of the history of MAWC customer complaints received by the Missouri Public
Service Commission. This review of the number of MAWC customer complaints is shown
below:

	1999	209
	2000	376
	2000	69
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	2002	137
*D	2003	134 *

*Represents January 1 to December 2, 2003.

17 The year 2000 complaint levels can be explained by the fact that the Company had two filed 18 rate cases during that year. The St. Louis district, which represent over 75% of MAWC's total 19 customers, connected to the call center effective December 31, 2001. However, in 2001 the 20 Company actually experienced fewer customer complaints than during 2002, when over 75% 21 of their customers (i.e. the St. Louis district) were actually connected to the Call Center. 22 Certainly, none of these historical complaint levels would justify the additional costs that the 23 Company is proposing to include in rates associated with the services offered by the Call 24 Center.

Q. What level of customer service does the National Call Center provide for
MAWC customers currently?

1	A. The National Call Center provides customer service 24 hours a day, 7 days a
2	week. The Company has chosen this service level as part of its stated goal for reaching
3	world-class customer service target levels. The Company has also suggested that it now has
4	the ability to perform the following:
5	1. Track average abandoned call rate
6	2. Track average speed of answer
7	3. Track first call effectiveness
8	4. Track average customer inquiry response time
9 10 11	5. Accumulate data about customer calls regarding satisfaction with call and other aspects of the Interactive Voice Response system based on customer satisfaction surveys
12 13	6. Accessing multi-language capability in the Company's customer service department through the Call Center.
14	Q. Has the Company conducted any study of any kind to determine any additional
15	costs associated with the 24/7 level of service being provided at the Call Center versus any
16	other alternative levels of customer service?
17	A. No. The Company performed no such study. Please refer to the Company's
18	response to Staff Data Request No. 308, which has been attached as Schedule 9 to this
19	surrebuttal testimony.
20	Q. Did the Company perform any survey or any other analysis of any kind to
21	determine what value MAWC customers actually placed on a 24/7 level of customer service?
22	A. No. The Company performed no such study. The Company has no evidence
23	to prove that MAWC customers have expressed that they wanted this level of customer
24	service or even if they would be willing to pay for the additional costs of providing the
25	service. That determination was made exclusively by American Water and the operating

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companies. Please refer to the Company's response to Staff Data Request No. 310, which is
 attached as Schedule 10 to this surrebuttal testimony.

Q. Did the Company perform any study or analysis to determine any quantifiable
benefits realized by MAWC associated with a 24/7 level of customer service versus any other
alternative level of customer service?

A. No. The Company performed no such study. Please refer to the Company's response to Staff Data Request No. 311, which is attached as Schedule 11 to this surrebuttal testimony.

9 Q. Did the Company perform any study or analysis to determine any quantifiable 10 benefits realized by MAWC associated with any of the six other Call Center services versus 11 any other alternative levels of customer service?

A. No. The Company has performed no such studies. Similarly the Company did not perform any customer surveys to determine what value MAWC customers place on these other Call Center Services versus any other alternative levels of customer service. The Company also did not perform any cost study to determine the additional costs associated with these six other Call Center services versus any other alternative levels of customer service.

Q. Is there other support for the Staff's belief that the Company made its decision
to form the call center without seeking MAWC customer input?

A. In the responses to Staff Data Requests Nos. 310 and 311 the Company stated
the following:

The decision to go 24/7 was to improve service levels to meet what we (including operating company presidents) believe customers expected. Accenture had some documentation on other utilities and non-utility service which indicated that 24/7 is an expected service level today. It

was also believed that this would not have a material cost impact due to having to already staff for all time zones and our need to staff for emergency services.

Therefore, the Company's initial decision was based on their belief of what expected 5 customer service levels should be. The Staff has repeatedly asked the Company to supply the 6 Accenture documentation referenced above, but still has not received this information from 7 the Company. The Staff contends that the contact level that MAWC customers enjoyed prior 8 to the formation of the National Call Center was adequate. The Staff also contends that 9 MAWC's decision to join the Call Center was a management decision that did not consider 10 the financial interests of MAWC's customers. While the goal of offering "world class" 11 customer service may represent MAWC's conception of an ideal customer service situation, 12 the Staff contends that the additional costs that were incurred to offer this level of customer 13 service is unnecessary for the provision of safe and adequate service to its customers and therefore should not be included in rates. Furthermore, it ignores the fact that American 14 15 Water has achieved overall cost savings. Given this condition, it would be inappropriate to 16 charge MAWC or any other American Water Operating Company any additional costs related 17 to the decision to form the Call Center.

Q. Is 24/7 a level of customer service offered by AmerenUE, which represent
Missouri's largest electric utility, serving more than twice the number of customers as
MAWC?

A. No. AmerenUE does not offer a 24/7 level of service. AmerenUe currently
offers customer service hours to answer questions about customers bills from 7:00 am to
7:00 pm Monday through Friday. At one time, AmerenUE actually expanded its customer
service hours to 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
on Saturday. However, AmerenUE subsequently reduced its customer service to its current

1 core hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. If the largest electric utility in 2 the state found that a customer service level of something less than 24/7 was sufficient, it 3 seems unreasonable to believe that a water company with less than half of the number of 4 customers would need 24/7. The Staff believes 24/7 more appropriately is a result of an 5 American Water objective to serve a customer base that extends from New Jersey to Hawaii.

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Q. Has the Company overlooked any non-recurring expenses in making its adjustment to ongoing Call Center expense?

A. Yes. The Company failed to eliminate \$122,449 of customer account expense and an additional \$3,020 of administrative and general expense that occurred during the test year. The Staff contends that these costs will not occur again in the future due to the change in operations that took place when the remaining districts transitioned to the Call Center during May 2003. Should the Commission decide that the Company's proposed adjustment to Call Center expenses is justified, the Staff contends that this \$125,469 amount of expense must be removed from the cost of service calculation to avoid providing the Company recovery for expenses they no longer incur.

Q. Based on its rebuttal testimony has the Company position with regards to its
Call Center adjustment changed?

A. Yes. As previously discussed in this testimony, based on Company witness
Van den Berg's rebuttal testimony filing the Company's direct filed position as contained in
Company witness Grubbs testimony and workpapers has changed. I have verified through a
discussion with MAWC Vice President, James J. Jenkins that the Company's Call Center
adjustment has changed from \$986,548 to \$217,281. The Staff believes that the Company's

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position is unsupported and should not be allowed, but should the Commission rule in the
 Company's favor the Company's direct filed adjustment must be reduced by \$769,267.

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NATIONAL CALL CENTER TRANSITION COSTS

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Has the Staff made any changes to its Plant Adjustment P-87.1?

A. Yes. Subsequent to the direct testimony filing, the Company provided the Staff with additional amounts of Call Center related transition costs that have occurred through the update period ending June 30, 2003. The Staff has reflected this updated level of transition costs in Plant Adjustment P-87.1

Q. Has the Staff made any additional adjustments related to Call Center transition costs since the direct testimony filing?

A. Yes. The Company has also provided the Staff with the corresponding level of depreciation reserve, which relates to the Call Center transition costs the Staff has removed from plant in service in Adjustment P-87.1. Staff Reserve Adjustment R-87.1 removes from the cost of service calculation all of the depreciation reserve related to the Call Center transition costs the Staff has proposed to disallow in this proceeding.

Q. Historically, what has been the Staff's position with regards to transition costs
like those proposed for inclusion by MAWC in the current case?

A. The Staff's position with regard to transition costs has been to allow recovery
for any unrecovered transition costs that generate actual cost savings to the ratepayers of a
Company. The Staff has allowed recovery of transition costs over periods covering 10 or 20
years. The Staff has never allowed rate base treatment or a "return on" unrecovered transition
costs. The Staff has historically disallowed one-time transition costs that do not generate
measurable cost savings.

Q. Please explain why the Staff believes the Company's proposal for a recovery of transition costs related to the move to the Call Center is inappropriate.

A. Traditionally, the Staff has proposed "return of" unrecovered transition costs that relate to activities that result in achieved cost savings to ratepayers. For example, in Case No. EM-96-14 involving the merger of Union Electric and Central Illinois Public Service Company, Union Electric was able to demonstrate to the Staff that the resulting merger was likely to lead to sufficient efficiencies and cost savings to cover the amount of merger transition costs. The Staff ultimately agreed to an amortization over ten years, with no rate base treatment, for certain Union Electric unrecovered transition costs.

MAWC has proposed to receive both a "return of" and a "return on" Call Center transition costs. The Staff believes that neither of these proposed treatments are justified because the Call Center has not resulted in any achieved cost savings for MAWC. Instead the Company proposes to significantly increase the total amount of Call Center costs and related customer service activities. Therefore, since these costs represent nothing more than one-time non-recurring expenses that relate to business assets that MAWC does not own and does not control, they should not be included in rates. Even Company witness Thornburg admits the costs are nonrecurring (See Thornburg rebuttal, page 8, line 7). Furthermore, the 2001 American Water SEC 10K also characterizes these cost as "one-time."

Q. What about the Company witness Jenkin's contention on page 8, lines 21-22, that "shareholders would not be compensated" for the fact that MAWC customers have benefited from all of the improvements created at the Call Center that did not exist previously?

1 Α. The Staff has requested that the Company provide all documentation that 2 would indicate that MAWC customers actually wanted this level of customer service. The 3 Company has provided no such documentation to the Staff. Therefore, the level of customer 4 service being provided by the Call Center represents only American Water's belief that the 5 Call Center reflects the appropriate level of customer service that MAWC customers expect. 6 The Staff believes that a critical concern to American Water in implementing a Call Center, 7 would be to ask their own customers if they need this level of expanded service, and if so 8 what they would be willing to pay for it. Absent such an effort, there is no real evidence to 9 suggest that customers would support transitioning to the Call Center given the significant 10 increase in costs that this move results in.

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Q. Please respond to Company witness Van den Berg's assertion that the Commission required capitalization of certain A&G expenses in Case No. WR-89-246.

The A&G expenses that Mr. Van den Berg refers to as part of Case

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- No. WR-89-246, which involved St. Louis County Water Company, related to labor expenses that the Staff proposed the Company should more appropriately be capitalized instead of expensed. The resulting capitalization study required the Company to capitalize more of its payroll and related costs. The difference between the item referenced in Case No. WR-89-246 and the transition costs in the current case that Mr. Van den Berg compares them to are numerous:
 - The capitalization study related to employees of St. Louis County Water Company.
 - The resulting capitalization of that payroll was applied to assets that St. Louis County Water actually owned and controlled.
 - The payroll and capitalization related to items that were continuous and ongoing.

1	These items do not represent one-time, non-recurring expenses like call center and national
2	shared services transition costs. Such a comparison is not appropriate.
3	Q. Please respond to Company witness Thornburg's assertion on page 8, lines 19-
4	20 that "the Staff has always agreed that we have the right to recover transition costs for new
5	water plants, tanks, wells and meter reading systems and so on."
6	A. The Staff is not aware of what specific situations Mr. Thornburg is referring to.
7	However, all of the items that Mr. Thornburg mentions are actually owned and controlled by
8	MAWC. The Call Center transition costs relate to assets that MAWC does not own and
9	business processes that MAWC does not control.
10	Q. Prior to this case, did the Company ever supply the Staff with any indication of
11	the proposed increases in costs related to the ongoing Call Center costs and the related Call
12	Center transition costs that the Company is seeking in the current case?
13	A. No. Mr. Thornburg indicates on page 8, line 9 that "after so much Staff
14	involvement" he is surprised that Staff would now deny MAWC recovery and a return on
15	these costs. Similarly, Company witness Van den Berg states on page 22, lines 5-14, that:
16 17 18 19 20 21	The stipulation and agreement submitted 9/7/01 encouraged the continued migration to the National Call Center. As a result of that agreement in Case No. WM-2001-309, defined reports were to be filed on a regular basis to monitor the quality of customer care offered by the Alton Call Center and the continued improvement of the customer experience.
22	At no point did the Staff ever give its approval to proceed with the Call Center project.
23	Rather, the Company approached the Staff to let it know that it had decided to implement the
24	project. The Staff, given the fact that the Company had already made its decision in August
25	2000, merely requested additional information in order to monitor the activities at the Call

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Center. The agreement in Case No. WM-2001-309 in no way meant to represent Staff's acquiescence to the Company's decision to join the Call Center and to increase MAWC costs.

Q. Please respond to Mr. Thornburg's statement that on page 8, lines 13-15 that the goal of the Call Center "was never improved profits; it was improved customer service and efficiency."

6 A. The Staff believes that this statement is inaccurate. The Staff reiterates the 7 statements taken from American Water's 2001 SEC 10K found in Cassidy's direct testimony 8 on page 26, lines 20-28 through page 27, lines 1-25. Readers of a Company's SEC 10K can 9 expect to find information regarding profits and costs. There is no assurance that this 10 document will contain customer service related information. Pages 8-10 and 8-11 of 11 Schedule 8, suggest that not only was overall cost savings an important issue with regard to 12 the formation of the Call Center, but there is strong evidence that a significant portion of the 13 transition cost has already been recovered at the American Water Service Company. These 14 pages reveal that at the time of making its decision American Water expected to generate in 15 excess of \$10 million of annual savings. It also shows that over the course of five years, total 16 savings of over \$31 million would result even after one-time transition costs were recovered. 17 Given this situation it seems entirely inappropriate for MAWC to request additional transition 18 cost recovery as a result of this decision.

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Does the Staff have any additional comments?

A. Yes. The Staff believes that its call center adjustments and its adjustments related to call center transition costs are appropriate and should be adopted by the Commission. However, should the Commission adopt Company's Call Center adjustment and in addition also choose to allow the Company to recover related call center transition

1 costs, the Staff believes that an adjustment to Company's Call Center transition costs should 2 be made based upon their rebuttal position. The Company has now indicated that it believes 3 that the Call Center has created \$299,559 of annual savings. If this is accepted the Staff 4 contends that these savings should be used to offset the related transition costs of \$5,263,822. 5 The Staff contends that based on Company's position it will have recovered \$587,999 of 6 savings from January 1, 2002 through April 16, 2004. This would lead to a recoverable 7 transition costs level of \$4,675,823 based on the calculation shown below:

8	\$5,263,822	Total Call Center related Transition Costs
9	\$ 225,538	2002 transition costs St. Louis only
10	\$ 75,179	2003 first four months St. Louis only
11	\$ 199,706	2003 last eight months MAWC in total
12	<u>\$ 87,576</u>	2004 Total MAWC through Operation of Law Date 4/16/04
13	\$4,675,823	Unrecovered level based on Company's revised position

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NATIONAL SHARED SERVICES TRANSITION COSTS

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Has the Staff made any changes to its Plant Adjustment P-87.2?

16 A. Yes. Staff has corrected its posting of Plant Adjustment P-87.2 to accurately 17 reflect the amount of Shared Services transition costs that have been capitalized by the 18 Company through the update period ending June 30, 2003. The Staff has reflected this 19 corrected update level of transition costs in Plant Adjustment P-87.2.

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Q. Has the Staff made any additional adjustments related to Shared Services transition costs since the direct testimony filing?

22 A. Yes, the Staff is proposing depreciation reserve adjustment R-87.2. The 23 Company has provided the Staff with the corresponding level of depreciation reserve, which

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relates to the Shared Services transition costs the Staff has removed from plant in service
 through Staff Plant Adjustment P-87.2. Staff Reserve Adjustment R-87.2 removes from the
 cost of service calculation all of the depreciation reserve, which relates to the Shared Services
 transition costs the Staff has proposed to disallow in this proceeding.

Q. Why is it inappropriate for the Company to capitalize the transition costs related to National Shared Services Center?

7 A. Because the transition costs relate to assets that MAWC does not own, and to 8 business processes which they do not control. Seeking to recover a "return on" and a "return 9 of" these costs is totally inappropriate. Furthermore, by the April 16, 2004 operation of law 10 date established in the current proceeding, the Company will have already recovered all of the 11 \$4,488,827 of Shared Services related transition costs that it has incurred. In the response to 12 Staff Data Request No. 181, the Company has indicated through a cost benefit analysis that it 13 expects to generate annual savings of \$2,575,688. Please refer to the Company's response to 14 Staff Data Request No. 181, which is attached as Schedule 12 to this surrebuttal testimony. 15 MAWC transitioned to the Shared Services center on November 7, 2001, which occurred after 16 the date that rates were established in the last MAWC (September 14, 2000) and St. Louis 17 County Water Company (May 13, 2001) rate cases. The following chart reflects the amount 18 of savings the Company has and will continue to recapture to offset the Shared Services 19 transition costs through the operation of law date in the current case:

1		SAVINGS GENERATED
2		AND RETAINED
3	PERIOD	BY MAWC
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5	11/7/01-12/31/01	\$ 388,117
6	1/1/02 - 12/31/02	\$2,575,688
7	1/1/03-12/31/03	\$2,575,688
8	1/1/04-4/16/04	<u>\$ 753,002</u>
9	Total Savings Realized	\$6,292,495

This chart reflects that by the end of the operation of law date, by its own calculations, the Company will have already recovered approximately \$1,803,668 (\$6,292,495 -\$4,488,827) more in cost savings from its participation in the National Shared Services Center than it actually incurred for transition costs. Allowing MAWC to include the transition costs in the cost of service for this case will afford the Company recovery of these costs twice. The Staff recommends that the Commission disallow these transition costs.

SEVERANCE COSTS

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Q. Has the Company provided any additional information that has changed the Staff's adjustment with regards to severance costs?

19 Yes. After Staff's direct testimony filing, the Company provided updated A. 20 information regarding the amount of severance costs that were accrued during the test year in 21 its response to Staff Data Request No. 457. In the response to Staff Data Request No. 457, 22 the Company indicated severance costs that related to the call center totaled \$1,988 and 23 severance costs relating to the service center totaled \$1,012. The Staff will reflect this change 24 in adjustment S-14.27. The Company filed no rebuttal testimony to specifically address 25 Staff's adjustment to remove severance costs. The Staff still contends these severance costs 26 represent additional transition costs and should therefore be disallowed for the same reasons 27 previously discussed in my direct and surrebuttal testimony.

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Does the Staff have any other recommendations?

2 A. Yes. The Staff has learned that MAWC is required to pay management fees in 3 advance for services provided by the Service Company. The Staff does not believe that this is 4 appropriate given the affiliated relationship between these two entities. The Staff is aware 5 that the Company is not required to prepay for the goods and services from the various 6 vendors that were included in the cash vouchers expense lag. The Staff would also contend 7 that the affiliate service company for which MAWC currently is required to prepay for 8 services provided actually pays their invoices for goods and services in arrears. Therefore, 9 under the current prepayment situation, the ratepayers of MAWC are being required to 10 provide a cash working capital allowance for bills from affiliates which do not incur 11 prepayments for their goods and services. Staff witness Roberta A. McKiddy has applied the 12 cash vouchers expense lag to management fees. Please refer to Ms. McKiddy's direct 13 testimony for an explanation of the Staff's calculation of the cash vouchers expense lag. The 14 Staff recommends that the Commission only include the cash working capital requirement 15 associated with paying for services that it receives from its affiliated Service Company in a 16 manner similar to the payments MAWC makes to other vendors as is represented by the cash 17 vouchers expense lag.

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Q. Does this conclude your surrebuttal testimony?

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A. Yes, it does.



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Dear Robert Schallenberg:

Recently you received a letter from us describing the Water Line Protection Program being offered by our affiliate, American Water Resources, Inc. In a short amount of time the Program has grown rapidly and thousands of our customers have enrolled to take advantage of this unique offer. Please take a few minutes now to revisit how the Program can save you thousands of dollars and many sleepless nights - your peace of mind is worth it.

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You may not realize it, but as a homeowner, you own the water line that runs through your property between the street and your home. At any time, normal wear and tear can cause your water line to leak or break, as shown on the enclosed diagram. You can't prevent it. You can't predict it. And, worst of all, most homeowner insurance policies do not cover repairing it, so you'll have to pay for it.

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We are pleased to make the protection you need and the peace of mind you deserve available to you while continuing to deliver the quality service you depend on from Missouri American.

Please carefully read the Program terms and conditions on the back of this letter, and keep this information for future reference. For just pennies a day, I'm sure you will agree that the Water Line Protection Program is a good value. So, I encourage you to complete the enclosed enrollment form today. For only \$4 a month, join the thousands of other homeowners that are protected from the expense and worry that a broken water line can cause.

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Eric W. Thornburg President

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Schedule 1-1

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"Confirmation Letter" means the acknowledgement letter You will receive from Us following enrollment outlining Your Program specifications. The Confirmation Letter will include the following information: Your Name

- Your Covered Address
- Your Customer Number

Your Program Effective Date

Your Program Term

*Customer-Owned Water Ling" means the section of the single water supply line You own that runs from Your home to the connection owned by Missouri American Water. It does not include any connections/ extensions such as water lines to sprinklers and/or agricultural meters. • If the meter is located inside Your home, it is the section of

- the water supply line from the shut-off value to the inlet side of the meter.
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Effective Date" means the date protection begins under the Program, which is thirty (30) days after Your Enrollment Date. Your Program Effective Date is listed on Your Confirmation Letter.

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Lapse of Coverage means We requested payment from You for an additional Term or Your periodic Program fee and We did not receive Your full payment within thirty (30) days from the date said payment was due. The Program will lapse without notice.

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You must be a residential customer, customer of record of Missouri American Water and owner of the residence to which the Customer-Owned Water Line is attached. The Customer-Owned Water Line must be free of leaks and in working order prior to Your Enrollment Date in the Program. Homeowners in multi-unit dwellings such as condominiums, town homes, duplexes and apartment houses are not eligible for the Program.

PERIOD OF PROTECTION

Program Protection initiates thirty (30) days after Your Enrollment Date. Your protection will continue for the Term listed on Your Confirmation Letter. Your Program Term can automatically be extended provided You make timely payments to Us at the then-current annual Program fee. If You purchase additional Terms without a Lapse of Coverage, Your protection will remain the Program Effective Date listed on Your Confirmation Letter, If the Program lapses as outlined under "Lapse of Coverage," You may re-enroll in the Program at any time subject to a new Enrollment Date and Effective Date.

LIMIT OF PROTECTION

The maximum amount We will pay for any covered repair under the Program is \$3,000 per occurrence. Before the line is repaired, if a permit is required, We will obtain proper permitting before work will commence. We will provide basic site restoration to the repair area once the repair work is completed. Site restoration is limited to filling in, raking and reseeding one time only. All repairs to Your Customer-Owned Water Line will comply with local water code requirements. Any subsequent repair made within 60 days of a prior covered repair will be considered as a part of that prior covered repair and limited to the \$3,000 per occurrence limit. If a permit was acquired to commence work on covered water lines and requires a sidewalk, located in a public easement, to be repaired, the Program will provide repair of said sidewalk up to \$500. Cost to repair sidewalks applies toward the Program \$3,000 maximum. You will not, unless at Your own expense, engage a contractor or otherwise incur costs to repair the Customer-Owned Water Line on Our behalf. may neither transfer the Program to a new owner of the covered property nor transfer the Program to a different residence owned by You.

THIS AGREEMENT DOES NOT COVER

 Damage to Customer-Owned Water Line incurred or existing prior to the Program Enrollment Date.

- · Damage to Customer-Owned Water Line caused by the actions or negligence of You or third parties.
- Damage to Customer-Owned Water Line caused by
- natural disasters, or acts of nature, including, but not limited to, earthquakes, floods, landslides or sinkholes of any other insurable cause.
- Any consequential, incidental or special damages You incur including lost water, regardless of whether they are caused by delays, failure to service or for conditions beyond the control of the Administrator.
- Restoration of trees, shrubs, paved surfaces, or structures. for any reason
- Any damage to finished or unfinished walls or surfaces inside Your home necessary to access and repair Your Customer-Owned Water Line.
- Leak repairs to any interior pipes beyond the shut-off valve
- inside Your home. Restoration of sidewalks not located in public easement.
- Also, restoration of sidewalks located in public easements but not required on the permit.
- Removal of debris necessary to access and repair Your Customer-Owned Water Line, including but not limited to old cars, trash, storage, rocks or materials.
- · Movement of the meter at the time of repair, unless required by local code.
- Coverage for multi-unit housing including, but not limited
- to, town homes, condominiums, duplexes and apartment houses; and any facility used for commercial purposes. · Updating non-leaking pipes to meet code, law or ordinance
- requirements or changes thereto.
- · Movement of working pipes and/or lines.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

If You suspect there is a water leak, call the toll-free American Water who will investigate the source of the problem. In the event Missouri American determines that the leak is to Your Customer-Owned Water Line, We will arrange to have an approved, independent contractor call You to set up a time to come out to Your home. The contractor will contact You within 12 hours for emergency service, or by 5:00 pm the next business day for all other service, to arrange for repair of Your Customer-Owned Water Line.

If a permit was acquired that requires repair to sidewalks located in public easements, and the cost to repair exceeds the Program maximum of \$500, it is Your responsibility to pay any additional costs, it is rout responsibility to pay any additional costs. If repair cost to the Customer-Owned Water Line exceeds the Program maximum of \$3,000, it is Your responsibility to pay any additional costs. Any costs in excess of the Program maximum will be stated to You before work is performed and We will send You an invoice for all expenses over any Program maximum. Beyond the previously outlined exceptions, You will not be charged any deductible or service call fees in conjunction with a covered repair. It is Your responsibility to secure permission (right-of-way) associated with gaining access to repair Your Customer-Owned Water Line that may pass through property that You do not own.

American Water Resources, Inc. Water Line Protection Program 1410 Discovery Parkway, Alton, IL 62002 Toll Free 1-866-430-0819

ADMINISTRATOR'S RIGHTS

We reserve the right to change Your Program fee and/or the Program terms and conditions with thirty (30) days written notice to You. We reserve the right to transfer or assign Your Program contract. You grant Us the right to obtain customer of record information from Missouri American Water limited to Your name, address and any other pertinent information. This information will not be sold to any outside marketing companies.

CANCELLATION

You may cancel this Program at any time by mailing a cancellation request to American Water Resources, Inc. Attention: Water Line Protection Administrator, 1410 Discovery Parkway, Alton, Illinois 62002. If You cancel, the effective date of cancellation is the date We receive Your notice. You have thirty (30) days from Your Enrollment Date to cancel and receive a full refund of any payments made. Your Program participation will be subject to cancellation without notice once You are thirty (30) days past due on any payment for the Program. If Your Program protection has been cancelled due to non-payment, You may re-enroll in the Program with a new Enrollment Date and new Effective Date. We reserve the right to cancel the Program at any time upon ninety (90) days notice to You. Any refund as a result of the cancellation of the contract by either You or Us, will be determined on a prorated basis less the cost of any service performed under the Program. If You are owed a refund, it will be processed via the enrollment payment certed Verschere to icits the Bransper method You chose to join the Program.

PAYMENT AFRANCEMENTS You may make payment for this Program by check. In the event that Your check is returned for Non-Sufficient Funds, Your status in the Program will be terminated as of your Enrollment Date without notice.

You may make payment for this Program by authorizing a charge to Your credit card account (Visa/MasterCard only). The charge to Your credit card account will be for a full year's participation in the Program. If Your credit card charge is not valid for any reason, Your status in the Program will be terminated as of your Enrollment Date without notice. In the event of Cancellation as provided above, the refund described in the Cancellation paragraph will be credited to Your credit card account.

Your Program participation will be subject to cancellation without notice once You are thirty (30) days past due on any payment for the Program.

TAXES

American Water Resources, Inc. will collect any and all appropriate taxes if required by the local municipal government(s), county government or the State of Missouri. These taxes will be collected at the time of payment. This Program is not currently laxed in the State of Missouri.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

In the event that Your property is not eligible for In the event fail four property is not engine for coverage under the terms and conditions of the Program, our only obligation is to refund any payments made by You to Us. Once we have paid You this refund, the Program will be volded as of Your Enrollment Date. The liability of the Administrator, its affiliated companies, its officers, employees, contractors and/or agents to You, or to any other third party or person, for damages resulting from the provision of, or failure to provide services under this Program, or as the result of any fault, failure, defect or deficiency in any service, labor, material, work or product furnished in connection with this Program shall be limited to an amount not to exceed \$3,000. In no event, however, shall the Administrator, its attiliated companies, its employees agents and contractors have any liability for special, indirect, incidental, consequential or punitive damages resulting from the provision of or failure to provide service under this Program, or from any fault, failure, defect or deficiency in any service, labor, material, work or product furnished in connection with this Program. These limitations of and exclusions from liability shall apply regardless of the nature of the claim or the remedy sought.

THE WATER LINE PROTECTION PROGRAM IS NOT AN INSURANCE CONTRACT OR POLICY. THE PROGRAM PROVDES FOR THE REPAIR OF LEAKS TO YOUR CUSTOMER-OWNED WATER LINE OUE TO NORMAL WEAR AND TEAR THIS CONTRACT CONSTITUTES THE ENTRE ACREEMENT BETWEEN AMERICAN WATER RESOURCES, N.C. AND YOU, AND THERE ARE NO OTHER PROMISES OR CONDITIONS IN ANY OTHER AGREEMENT WHETHER WRITTEN OR ORAL

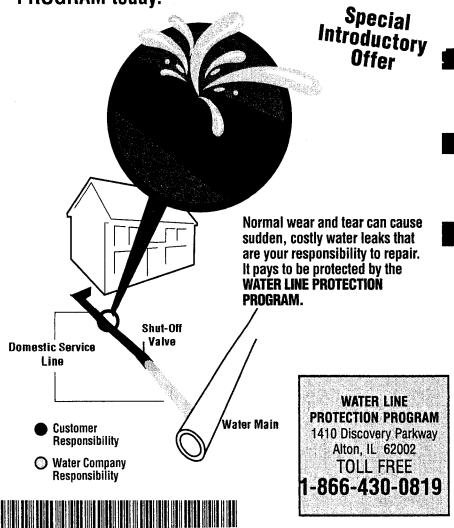
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IMMEDIATE ACTION FORM

MO48103R

Homeowner's Name: Robert Schallenberg

SERVICE ADDRESS: PROGRAM NOT AV	AILABLE TO MULTI-UI	NIT DWELLE	RS AND RENTER	S
Street: 1911 N Circle Dr				
_{City:} Jefferson City	State	MO	Zip.65109	
Reference Number: 10038	336			<u>,</u>
MAILING ADDRESS				
Street:1911 N Circle Dr				
City:Jefferson City	State:	МО	zip:65109-1	207
CONTACT INFORMATION				
Home Phone:	Work Phon	e:		,
E-mail:				
PAYMENT OPTIONS				
I PREFER TO PAY BY CREDIT OF I authorize American Water Reso to my credit card:		arge the a	mount of \$48	.00
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Account#				
Signature	card)	Date		
I WISH TO PAY BY CHECK				

I've enclosed a check or money order in the amount of \$48.00 made payable to American Water Resources, Inc. in the enclosed postage-paid envelope.

By signing this enrollment form you agree to all terms and conditions of the WATER LINE PROTECTION PROGRAM as outlined on the back of the letter. Confirmation of enrollment will be sent to the above mailing address. Coverage begins 30 days after enrollment form is received and confirmed by American Water Resources, Inc. The expiration date for this introductory offer is 3/31/04. After 3/31/04 call 1-866-430-0819 for current offer.

From:





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AMERICAN WATER RESOURCES INC 1410 DISCOVERY PARKWAY ALTON IL 62002-9952

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No. 0173

DATA INFORMATION REQUEST Missouri American Water Company CASE NO. WR-2003-0500

Requested From: Ed Grubb Date Requested: 06/13/03 Information Requested:

Please refer to the Company response to Staff Data Request No. 110.

- Company response indicates a total Missouri American "as was" number of calls of 386, 415. Exactly what time frame did this call total apply to? Also, 1. how was this call total developed? Please explain.
- 2. Company response indicates a total Missouri American "as is" number of calls of 501,768. Exactly what time frame did this call total apply to? Also, how was this call total developed? Please explain.
- 3. Company response indicates a St. Louis County district only "as was" number of calls 245,405. Exactly what time frame did this call total apply to? Also, how was this call total developed? Please explain.
- 4. Company response indicates a St. Louis County district only "as is" number of calls 318,667. Exactly what time frame did this call total apply to? Also, how was this call total developed? Please explain.
- For items 1, 2, 3, and 4 above: Provide a breakdown of these calls by the nature of the call. For example, provide number of calls related to main break, 5. number of calls for meter problems, number, number of calls related to questions about the service line protection programs, number of calls related to billing questions, and so on.

Requested By:

John Cassidy

Information Provided:

- The customer call count of 386,415 was based on a time frame of 1999. These call levels were developed through a survey of the Company based on the 1. actual call total experienced during the year 1999.
- The time frame for the 501,768 was based on the year 2002 for the St. Louis District. At the time the response to 110 was prepared we did not have the data 2. for the remaining districts of the Company. Therefore, we used the call volume for the year 1999 for the remaining districts of the Company (all except STL) and increased them by the same ratio increase that was experienced by the STL District. We are currently pulling the actual call volumes for 2002 for the districts that we did not have the actual data for at the time.

3. Refer to part 1.

- 4. Refer to part 2.
- 5. The Company does not have any categorical breakdown for the call volume as described above in the question.

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29. Dm Signed By:

Date Response Provided:

7/2/03

E. Grubb / E. Simon

Prepared By:

Schedule 2-1

Cassidy, John

From:	egrubb@mawc.com
Sent:	Monday, July 21, 2003 8:52 AM
To:	johncassidy@psc.state.mo.us
Subject:	Re: Follow up on DR 110 and 173

John, here is a response to your e-mail data request follow-up. Ed Simon has provided a repsonse. ----- Forwarded by Ed Grubb/MOAWC/AWWSC on 07/21/2003 08:47 AM -----

Edward A Simon

	То:	Ed Grubb/MOAWC/AWWSC@AWW
07/18/2003 02:34	cc:	Edward A Simon/MOAWC/AWWSC@AWW
PM	Subject:	Re: Follow up on DR 110 and 173
(Document link: Ed Grubb)		-

Hi Ed,

The following provides my suggested response to the follow up email we received:

In the response to item 2 in DR 173, you mentioned that you were currently pulling actual call volumes for the districts that you did not have actual data for when you responded to DR 110. When will these actual call volumes for those districts be available to the Staff? We have concluded our search for the 2002 call volume for our St. Joseph Center which handled the calls for all districts except St. Louis County. The following provides the volume of calls received (by month) for the 4th quarter 2002. Unfortunately, we can not produce numbers for the first nine months of 2002 as the telephone reporting system was not working properly during this time. With the conversion of these districts to the Center the first week of May 2003, this system is not longer available to try to retrieve the data.

October 2002 = 32320 November 2002 = 27836 December 2002 = 28525

Also, in the response to item 5 in DR 173, you stated that the company does not have any categorical breakdown for the call volume as described in the question. As a follow up, what are all of the categorical breakdowns prepared in report form for the call volumes at the Alton call center? How does the call center track the types of calls it receives? The Alton CSC does not track call volume by type of calls received for each state. Due to the large volume of calls received, the Center breakdowns their call volume by state only. For example: A group of Customer Service Associates (CSA's) are assigned to the MO Regional Skill, a group of CSA's are assigned to the IL Regional Skill and etc. At present, the Center is not tracking calls by type of calls received but instead by the volume of calls received by state.

Edward A. Simon, II Operations Manager - Field Customer Services Missouri-American Water ----- Forwarded by Ed Grubb/MOAWC/AWWSC on 07/17/2003 07:09 AM -----

johncassidy@psc.s		
tate.mo.us	To:	EGrubb@MAWC.com
	cc:	<pre>steverackers@psc.state.mo.us</pre>
07/15/2003 03:21 PM	Subject:	Follow up on DR 110 and 173

Ed,

Regarding DR's 110 and 173:

In the response to item 2 in DR 173, you mentioned that you were currently pulling actual call volumes for the districts that you did not have actual data for when you responded to DR 110. When will these actual call volumes for those districts be available to the Staff?

Also, in the response to item 5 in DR 173, you stated that the company does not have any categorical breakdown for the call volume as described in the question. As a follow up, what are all of the categorical breakdowns prepared in report form for the call volumes at the Alton call center? How does the call center track the types of calls it receives?

Thanks

John

DATA INFORMATION REQUEST Missouri American Water Company CASE NO. WR-2003-0500

Requested From: Ed Grubb Date Requested: 9/05/03 Information Requested: 9/05/03

Please verify that the following statements are accurate based on information provided to the Staff in a meeting at Missouri American on Friday, September 5, 2003. For any statement that is inaccurate please provide a detailed explanation as to why it is inaccurate.

1. An American Water regulated operating company taking service from American Water Service company can be assigned indirect or overhead costs of the Service Company by use of a customer number allocation.

2. An American Water non regulated company is never assigned, allocated or charged for services taken from the American Water Service Company by use of customer numbers as an allocation method.

3. Instead, non regulated companies are assigned costs on a direct basis. If a non regulated company is assigned a direct charge during a month, then that non regulated company is assigned some portion of the American Water Service Company indirect or overhead costs.

4. If an American Water non regulated company does not take service from the American Water Service Company during a particular month there is no direct charge made to that non regulated company and that non regulated company is not assigned, allocated or charged for any indirect or overhead cost during that particular month. In this situation, the American Water non regulated company is charged no (zero) American Water Service Company for that month.

5. American water regulated operating companies are allocated some amount of American Water Service Company costs each and every month.

Requested By:

John Cassidy, MoPSC Staff

Information Provided:

- 1. This statement is correct because the Service Company concept was created to provide services and to benefit the regulated by assisting them in both the day to day management and with long-term management of the regulated entities.
- 2. This statement is correct. If a non-regulated Company does not receive any services from the Service Company, then the Service Company would not bill them for any services not rendered. The non-regulated companies are not included in any formula cost allocation pool based on customers.
- 3. This statement is correct.
- 4. This statement is correct. See responses to part 2 above.
- 5. This is a correct statement because the Service Company provides services to the regulated companies each month.

Note. The question above refers to "American Water Service Company". The response assumes that the question refers to American Water Works Service Company which provides management services to regulated and non-regulated subsidiaries of American Water.

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E a.m. Signed By:

Date Response Provided:

9/19/03

Prepared By: E. Grubb

No. 445

DATA INFORMATION REQUEST Missouri American Water Company CASE NO. WR-2003-0500

Requested From:Ed GrubbDate Requested:10/21/03

Information Requested:

Please refer to Staff workpapers I-1-1 and I-1-4 as attached. Staff workpaper I-1-1 reflects total direct charges by function that occurred during the test year. Staff workpaper I-1-4 reflects total direct and indirect charges by the same functions that occurred during the test year.

1. Is it true that during the test year (the twelve months ending December 31, 2002) that Missouri American did not receive any direct charges for the following items?

Audit Communications Corporate Secretary Operations Water Quality Corp

2. Is it true that during the test year (the twelve months ending December 31, 2002) that Missouri American did receive indirect charges for the following items?

Audit Communications Corporate Secretary Operations Water Quality Corp

Requested By: John Cassidy, MoPSC Staff

Information Provided:

- 1. During the test year, there was no specific Missouri only work performed for the indicated functions.
- 2. During the test year, Missouri American received services from the indicated functions and therefore was billed for those services based on the customer allocation process.

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Signed By:

11/10/200 Date Response Provided:

Ed Grubb

Prepared By:

No. 110

DATA INFORMATION REQUEST Missouri American Water Company CASE NO. W R-2003-0500

 Requested From:
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 Date Requested:
 Information Requested:

Ed Grubb 5/07/03

1. When did the St. Louis County customers transition to the new customer service center?

2. Provide the costs and savings that were experienced during the calendar year 2002 associated with this transition.

3. Provide the costs and savings that were experienced from January 1, 2003 through June 30, 2003 associated with this transition.

4. Provide all documentation supporting the Company's response to items 1, 2 and 3.

Requested By:

John Cassidy

Information Provided:

The response to this data request will encompass not just the St. Louis District but also all districts. It is more appropriate to discuss the operating costs and the savings in terms of the entire state rather than from a district specific view. The Service Company bills the Company for Call Center Costs and then in the rate case process, the cost are allocated or distributed to each district based on the number of customers.

1. The St. Louis District transitioned to the Call Center in December 2001. All other districts transitioned to the Call Center in May 2003.

- 2. The Call Center operating costs billed to the Company in 2002 was \$3,005,947 and was only for the St. Louis District. The total operating cost savings for the year 2002 was approximately \$2,582,345. On a per call customer basis, the cost per call utilizing the call center for the St. Louis District is \$11.79 versus the per call cost of \$10.52 pre-call center transition. By incorporating the entire state into the call center, the total costs that are anticipated to be incurred from the call center is \$3,992,495. Taking this into account, the cost per call is reduced to \$9.71.
- 3. In lieu of a six-month report and analysis of the cost and savings, the Company is providing an annual analysis of the operating costs and savings which includes all districts in the analysis. This analysis is can be found in the pdf file indicated below.
- 4. See .pdf file indicated below Overall, on a cost per customer call basis, the cost has increased by \$1.27 to transition to the call center. This represents an increase of approximately 15%. The Customer Call Center is delivering a number of benefits to the customers of Missouri-American Water Company either directly or through improvements to business processes as a result of the innovative platform that has been created. See attached for further discussion. The benefits to our customers obviously have a cost to it. Missouri-American has approximately 445,000 customers. The ratio of calls to customers is approximately 1.13. Therefore, the additional cost to the customer to call the Company at the new Call Center is \$1.43. If a customer makes use of the IVR system or calls on the weekend at 2:00am because he or she works late at night or as the Company reaches its world class service level targets, the \$1.43 additional cost per call becomes real value for our customers.

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Date Response Provided: 6/9/03

Prepared By: E. Grubb

As Was Cost Summary Wages Benefits Facility Costs Other O&M Costs Total Customer Service Costs	\$ 1,645,756 1,035,151 436,910 144,023 3,261,840	As Is Cost Summary Wages Benefits Facility Costs Other O&M Costs Local Costs Proforma Call Center Costs	\$	452,214 284,434 106,998 <u>35,271</u> 878,917 3,992,495
Number of Calls Cost Per Call	\$ 386,415 8.44	Total Cost	<u>\$</u> \$	4,871,412 501,768 9.71

Case No. WR-2003-0500 Staff Data Request No. 110		Labor As Is Costs	i	
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Hourly Employees		<u>e</u>		
RELIEF & GENERAL CLERK	\$ 12.56	\$ 26,214.84	\$ 29,505	
RELIEF & GENERAL CLERK	10.60		24,899	
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RELIEF & GENERAL CLERK	10.60 12.56	•	24,899 29,505	20.505
RECEPTIONIST & TEL OPR CASHIER	13.31	,	31,268	29,505
CASHIER	11.64		27,343	
MAIL RECEIVING CLERK	12.56	•	29,505	
MAIL RECEIVING CLERK	12.56	26,214.84	29,505	
CUST DATA RECORD CLERK	14.77	•	34,699	
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BILLING CLERK BILLING CLERK	12.56 10.60	•	29,505 24,899	
COPY/MAIL ROOM CLERK	10.60		24,899	
FILE & MAIL CLERK	9.24	•	21,703	
FILE & MAIL CLERK	9.05	•	21,256	
CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK	14.77	30,829.32	34,699	34,699
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CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK	12.90	26,924.76	30,304	
CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK	12.16	•	28,577	
CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK SENIOR CUST RECORDS CLERK	12.16 15.16		28,577 35,627	
TYPIST	15.16	24,293.88	27,343	
TYPIST	11.64	24,293.88	27,343	
COPY/MAIL ROOM CLERK	12.56		29,505	
COMPUTER OPERATOR	17.51	36,550.44	41,138	
COMPUTER OPERATOR	15.09	31,507.92	35,462	
COMPUTER OPERATOR	17.51	36,550.44	41,138	
OVERTIME PAY WR-2000-844 SHIFT DIFF PAY WR-2000-844		28,766.70 2,539.29	32,377 2,858	
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TITLE	RATE	@5/01/2000	@ 4% - 4 Yrs	Costs
St. Louis County		Ũ	0	
Salaried Employees				
DIRECTOR, CUSTOMER SRVC	36.40	75,996.96	88,906	88,906
SUPT CUSTOMER SERVICE	23.95	50,000.16	58,493	40.020
SUPV, CUSTOMER SERVICE SUPV, CUSTOMER SERVICE	17.58 19.23	36,696.96 40,149.12	42,930 46,969	42,930
Subotal	13.20	40,140.12	237,298	· 131,836
Missouri-American				
Hourly and Salaried	10.00	00.054.00	00	00.000
Customer Service Representative Customer Service Representative	10.85 9.10	22,654.80 19,000.80	26,503 22,228	23,990 23,990
Customer Service Representative	10.37	21,652.56	25,330	23,990
Customer Service Representative	9.10	19,000.80	22,228	
Customer Service Representative	9.10	19,000.80	22,228	
Customer Service Representative	9.10	19,000.80	22,228	
Customer Service Representative	9.10	19,000.80	22,228	
Customer Service Representative	11.85	24,742.80	28,946	
Customer Service Supv Sr. Customer Service Rep.	26.44	54,995.00	64,336 36,675	
OVERTIME PAY PER 2002 ABP	15.01	31,350.00 0.00	36,675 0	
SHIFT DIFF PAY PER 2002 ABP		0.00	Q,	
Subtotal			292,930	47,980
			\$ 1645756	\$ 452 214
Total Wages Total Count of Positions	49		\$ 1,645,756	\$ 452,214 12

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	Benefi	ts As Is Costs
Group Insurance Costs		
Total Gross Cost from Rate Case	\$	5,110,698
Number of Employees in Rate Case		657
Cost per Employee		7,779
Number of Positions		49
Group Insurance Cost	\$	381,171
OPEB Cost		
Total Gross Cost from Rate Case	\$	2,802,928
Number of Employees in Rate Case		657
Cost per Employee		4,266
Number of Positions		49
Group Insurance Cost		209,034
Pensions		
Total Wages	\$	1,645,756
Pension Rate per Rate Case		13.76%
Pension Cost	\$	226,456
401k Costs		
Total Wages		1,645,756
Average 401k Rate Per Rate Case		2.380%
401k Cost	\$	39,169
EIP Costs		
Total Wages		1,645,756
Average 401k Rate Per Rate Case		0.781%
401k Cost	\$	12,853
Dermell Texas	-	
Payroll Taxes		1 645 756
Total Wages Average 401k Rate Per Rate Case		1,645,756 7.737%
401k Cost	\$	127,332
	<u> </u>	121,002
Workmens Compensation		
Total Wages		1,645,756
-		2.378%
Average Rate Per Rate Case		39,136
-	\$	
Average Rate Per Rate Case	\$\$	1,035,151
Average Rate Per Rate Case 401k Cost	\$	

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Benefits

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804,115 263,977 2,613,672 803,393

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Facility			
FTE's*		9.09	31.14
SqFt		888	7,639
SqFt per FTE		98	245
Buildings			
	Lease	\$0	\$155,491
	Depreciation	\$2,948	\$0
	Property Taxes	\$2,065	\$0
	Carrying Cost	\$5,054	\$0
	Total Building	\$10,067	\$155,491
	Cost per SqFt	\$11.34	\$20.35
Computers		40	010.01/
	Lease	\$0 ¢5 000	\$17,316
	Depreciation Broments Tours	\$5,002 \$3,545	\$0 \$0
	Property Taxes	\$2,545	
	Carrying Cost Total Computers	\$2,406 \$9,953	\$0 \$17,31 6
	Cost per FTE		\$556
aleom i ¥.		\$1,095	4550
-H-HOTH	Lease	\$0	\$40,107
	Depreciation	\$11,709	\$0 \$0
	Property Taxes	\$6,778	\$0 \$0
	Carrying Cost	\$0	\$0
	O & M Telecom	\$26,573	\$15,640
	Total Telecom	\$45,060	\$55,747
	Cost per FTE	\$4,957	\$1,790
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	Lease	\$0	\$31,368
	Depreciation	\$916	\$1,953
	Property Taxes	\$466	\$728
	Carrying Cost	\$441	\$2,898
Total	Furniture & Equip	\$1,823	\$36,947
	Cost per FTE	\$201	\$1,186
	Electric	\$928	\$10,379
	Heating	\$147	\$0
	Water & Sewer	\$0	\$0
	Total Utilities	\$1,075	\$10,379
	Cost per SqFt	\$1.21	\$1.36
Milscellaneous;			
	Janitorial	\$3,180	\$0
	Trash Removal	\$984	\$0
	Groundskeeping	\$3,139	\$0
	Building Mgmt	\$0	\$0
	Total Miscellaneous	\$7,303	\$0
	Cost per SqFt	\$8.22	\$0.00
Justice Contractions	Concernence and the second		
	General Liability	\$1,529	\$6,022
	Total Insurance	\$1,529	\$6,022
	Cost per FTE	\$168	\$193
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	GRAND TOTAL	\$76,810	\$281,902
	Cost per FTE	\$8,450	\$9,053
	Total FTE's	40.23	
	Cost per FTE	\$8,916.53	
	An Man	Acle	
ETE Count	As Was 49	As is 12	
FTE Count			
Cost per FTE Cost	\$8,916.53 436,910	\$8,916.53 106, 99 8	
0031	400,010	\$	

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Missouri-American Water Company Case No. WR-2003-0500 Staff Data Request No. 110

Cost summary - Other O&M

Cost		Missouri	St. Louis Co.
Other O & M		CHARLENCE OF FREE RECHARTS AND INCOMESSION AND ADDRESS	OR CANTERLINE ALL CANADALLY TO TO THE SECTION
FTE's*		9.09	31.14
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Materials & Office Su	upplies	\$23,328	\$0
Maintenance Agreen	nents	\$0	\$11,352
Leases		\$0	\$50,973
Misc Expenses		\$2,000	\$1,018
Training		\$0	\$11,575
Postage		\$18,000	\$0
Other		\$0	\$0
Total Non-Bill O & M		\$43,328	\$74,918
Cost per FTE		\$4,767	\$2,406
Total FTE's		40.23	
Cost per FTE		\$2,939.25	
	As Was	As Is	
FTE Count	49	12	
Cost per FTE	\$2,939.25	\$2,939.25	
Cost	144,023	35,271	

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Missouri-American Water Company Case No. WR-2003-0500 Staff Data Request No. 110 ST. Louis District Only

As Was Cost Summary		As Is Cost Summary		
Wages	\$ 1,311,207	Wages	\$	391,227
Benefits	824,254	Benefits		245,934
Facility Costs	353,056	Facility Costs		90,527
Other O&M Costs	 93,828	Other O&M Costs		24,058
		Local Costs		751,746
Total Customer Service Costs	\$ 2,582,345	Proforma Call Center Costs		3,005,947
		Total Cost		3,757,693
Number of Calls Cost Per Call	\$ 245,405 10.52		\$	318,667 11.79

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Missouri-American Water Company Case No. WR-2003-0500

Staff Data Request No. 110		Labor As is Costs		
ST. Louis District Only	 			
TITLE	RATE	GROSS SALARY @5/01/2000	Wage Incr @ 3% - 4 Yrs	Maintained Costs
Hourly Employees	RATE	@3/01/2000	W 376 - 4 113	0363
RELIEF & GENERAL CLERK	\$ 12.56	\$ 26,214.84	\$ 28,646	
RELIEF & GENERAL CLERK	10.60	22,122.36	24,174	
RELIEF & GENERAL CLERK	10.60	22,122.36	24,174	
RELIEF & GENERAL CLERK	10.60	22,122.36	24,174	29.646
RECEPTIONIST & TEL OPR CASHIER	12.56 13.31	26,214.84 27,780.84	28,646 30,357	28,646
CASHIER	11.64	24,293.88	26,547	
MAIL RECEIVING CLERK	12.56	26,214.84	28,646	
MAIL RECEIVING CLERK	12.56	26,214.84	28,646	
CUST DATA RECORD CLERK	14.77	30,829.32	33,688	
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BILLING CLERK	10.60	22,122.36	24,174	
COPY/MAIL ROOM CLERK	10.60	22,122.36	24,174	
FILE & MAIL CLERK	9.24	19,282.68	21,071	
FILE & MAIL CLERK	9.05	18,885.96	20,637	
CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK	14.77	30,829.32	33,688	33,688
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CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK	14.77	30,829.32	33,688	33,688
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CUSTOMER SERVICE CLERK	12.16	25,390.08	27,744	
SENIOR CUST RECORDS CLERK	15.16	31,654.08	34,589	
TYPIST	11.64	24,293.88	26,547	
TYPIST	11.64	24,293.88	26,547	
COPY/MAIL ROOM CLERK	12.56 17.51	26,214.84	28,646	
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COMPUTER OPERATOR OVERTIME PAY WR-2000-844	17.51	36,550.44 28,766.70	39,940 31,434	
OVERTIME PAY WR-2000-844 SHIFT DIFF PAY WR-2000-844	17.51		31,434 2,775	
OVERTIME PAY WR-2000-844	17.51	28,766.70	31,434	264,462
OVERTIME PAY WR-2000-844 SHIFT DIFF PAY WR-2000-844	17.51	28,766.70 2,539.29 -	31,434 2,775 1,083,037	
OVERTIME PAY WR-2000-844 SHIFT DIFF PAY WR-2000-844	17.51 RATE	28,766.70	31,434 2,775	264,462 Maintained Costs
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OVERTIME PAY WR-2000-844 SHIFT DIFF PAY WR-2000-844 Subtotal TITLE St. Louis County Salarled Employees	RATE	28,766.70 2,539.29 - GROSS SALARY @5/01/2000	31,434 2,775 1,083,037 Wage Incr @ 4% - 4 Yrs	Maintained Costs
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OVERTIME PAY WR-2000-844 SHIFT DIFF PAY WR-2000-844 Subtotal TITLE St. Louis County Salarled Employees DIRECTOR, CUSTOMER SRVC SUPT CUSTOMER SERVICE	RATE 36.40 23.95	28,766.70 2,539.29 GROSS SALARY @5/01/2000 75,996.96 50,000.16	31,434 2,775 1,083,037 Wage Incr @ 4% - 4 Yrs 85,486 56,243	Maintained Costs 85,486
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OVERTIME PAY WR-2000-844 SHIFT DIFF PAY WR-2000-844 Subtotal TITLE St. Louis County Salaried Employees DIRECTOR, CUSTOMER SRVC SUPT CUSTOMER SERVICE SUPV, CUSTOMER SERVICE SUPV, CUSTOMER SERVICE SUPV, CUSTOMER SERVICE Subotal Missouri-American	RATE 36.40 23.95 17.58	28,766.70 2,539.29 GROSS SALARY @5/01/2000 75,996.96 50,000.16 36,696.96	31,434 2,775 1,083,037 Wage Incr @ 4% - 4 Yrs 85,486 56,243 41,279 45,162	Maintained Costs 85,486 41,279
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Missouri-American Water Company Case No. WR-2003-0500 Staff Data Request No. 110 ST. Louis District Only		As is Costs	•
Group Insurance Costs Total Gross Cost from Rate Case Number of Employees in Rate Case	\$	5,110,698 657	
Cost per Employee		7,779	
Number of Positions Group Insurance Cost	\$	39 303,381	
OPEB Cost			
Total Gross Cost from Rate Case Number of Employees in Rate Case	\$	2,802,928 657	
Cost per Employee Number of Positions		4,266 39	
Group Insurance Cost	\$	166,374	
Pensions			
Total Wages Pension Rate per Rate Case	\$	1,311,207 13.76%	
Pension Cost	\$	180,422	
401k Costs			
Total Wages Average 401k Rate Per Rate Case		1,311,207 2.380%	
401k Cost	\$	31,207	
EIP Costs			
Total Wages Average 401k Rate Per Rate Case		1,311,207	
401k Cost	\$	0.781%	
Payroll Taxes			
Total Wages		1,311,207	
Average 401k Rate Per Rate Case 401k Cost	\$	7.737%	
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Workmens Compensation		4 044 007	
Total Wages Average Rate Per Rate Case		1,311,207 2.378%	
401k Cost	\$	31,181	
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Total Benefits		824,254	
Gross Wages per Rate Case (full-time	Staff)		\$
Gross 401k Costs per Rate Case Gross EIP Costs per Rate Case Gross Payroll Costs per Rate Case Gross Workmens Comp Per Rate Cas	ie		

Benefits

33,779,787

804,115 263,977 2,613,672 803,393 Missouri-American Water Company Case No. WR-2003-0500 Staff Data Request No. 110 ST. Louis District Only

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Cost	_	Missouri	-SE Louis Co.
Facility FTE's*		0.00	31.14
SqFt		0	7,639
SqFt per FTE		0	245
Building .			
	Lease	\$0	\$155,491
	Depreciation	\$0 *0	\$0 \$0
	Property Taxes	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0
	Carrying Cost Total Building	\$0 \$0	\$155,491
	Cost per SqFt	\$0.00	\$20.35
Computers 4			
	Lease	\$0	\$17,316
	Depreciation	\$0	\$ 0
	Property Taxes	\$0	\$0 \$0
	Carrying Cost	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$17,316
	Total Computers Cost per FIE	\$0 \$0	\$556
Talcon	Cost per FTE	φ υ 	4000
The result of the second s	Lease	\$0	\$40,107
	Depreciation	\$0	\$0
	Property Taxes	\$0	\$0
	Carrying Cost	\$0	\$0
	O & M Telecom	\$ 0	\$15,640
	Total Telecom	\$0 \$0	\$55,747
	Cost per FTE	\$ 0	\$1,790
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	Depreciation	\$0	\$1,953
	Property Taxes	\$0	\$728
	Carrying Cost	\$0	\$2,898
Tota	al Furniture & Equip	\$0	\$36,947
	Cost per FTE	\$0	\$1,186
No inters of the	<u>Riastria</u>	\$0	\$10,379
	Electric Heating	\$0 \$0	\$0
	Water & Sewer	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0
	Total Utilities	\$0	\$10,379
	Cost per SqFt	\$0.00	\$1.36
Miscellineous			
	Janitorial	\$0	\$0
	Trash Removal	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0
	Groundskeeping Building Mant	\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0
	Building Mgmt Total Miscellaneous	\$0 \$0	\$0
	Cost per SqFt	\$0.00	\$0.00
Institunce.			
	General Liability	\$0	\$6,022
	Total Insurance	\$0	\$6,022
	Cost per FTE	\$0	\$193
		¢0	\$791.007
	GRAND TOTAL Cost per FTE	\$0 \$0	\$281,902 \$9,053
	Total FTE's	31.14	ψ5,650
	Cost per FTE	\$9,052.73	
	As Was	As is	
FTE Count	As Was 39	10	
FTE Count Cost per FTE			

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Cost summary - Other O&M

Cost			Missouri 🔄	St.Louis Co.
Other O & M			-TRACATIONS	
FTE's*			0.00	31.14
Non But				
	Materials & Office	Supplies	\$0	\$0
	Maintenance Agre	eements	\$0	\$11,352
	Leases		\$0	\$50,973
	Misc Expenses		\$0	\$1,018
	Training		\$0	\$11,575
	Postage		\$0	\$0
	Other		\$0	\$0
1	Total Non-Bill O & M		\$0	\$74,918
	Cost per FTE		\$0	\$2,406
	Total FIE's		31.14	
	Cost per FTE		\$2,405.84	
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	FTE Count	39	10	
	Cost per FTE	\$2,405.84	\$2,405.84	
	Cost	93,828	24,058	

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Missouri-American Water Company Benefits of Customer Call Center

The Customer Call Center is delivering a number of benefits to the customers of Missouri-American Water Company either directly or through improvements to business processes as a result of the innovative platform that has been created.

The benefits from the call center are related to technology, greater resources, standardization of business processes, and measurement of service levels not possible with our prior approach.

Some of the many benefits of technology are as follows:

- Automatic Call Distribution (ACD) ACD operates in the Customer Service Center (CSC) telephone system to ensure an even distribution of inbound calls into the CSC.
- Computer Telephone Integration (CTI) CTI allows the integration of voice and data within a customer contact center by linking the telephone system directly to the customer information system.
- Interactive Voice Response (IVR) An IVR allows customers to complete routine transactions without actually contacting an agent. This technology also paves the way for Web-based interaction for customer self-service.

- Automatic Call Monitoring Automatic call monitoring software is used to evaluate the effectiveness of call handling and associate responsiveness to inquiries.
- 5) Expert Agent Selection This call management software directs different types of calls to different customer service reps (CSRs).
- 6) Workforce Management Another technology is a workforce management system, which gathers information from ACD, CTI, and IVR to provide resource forecasting and scheduling to ensure optimization of staffing to meet customer needs.
- Predictive Dialer This software is installed on the telephone system to manage outbound calls. It will maximize the CSC ability to initiate communications with customers.
- Electronic Customer Information System (E-CIS) The E-CIS is designed to provide thorough customer information to the CSRs during contacts between them and the customer.

The next benefit is greater resources. Centers with a larger number of employees provide the ability to have more direct, skilled, and focused activities. A nucleus of people can be designated to focus on defining and refining best practices, while other groups can focus on performance measurement, effective management processes, and developing an environment of continued process improvement. The economies of scale of the customer call center has provided for the ability of the Company to provide 24/7 service (24 hours a day, 7 days a week). This more than triples t he s ervice t ime t hat w e p rovide our customers today than was provided under the prior approach,

Next, standardization of business processes has always been the cornerstone for reducing costs and/or improving service. As new processes are considered, innovations will be implemented that will have positive, long-term benefits.

And finally, the measurement of service is another key to the successful implementation of the customer call center and its resulting benefits to our customers. We must be able to monitor and measure the performance of the customer call center and its interaction with our customers and the progress of achieving service level targets.

Examples of service targets are answering 80% of calls within 30 seconds, call abandonment rate between 5% and 5.5%, first call effectiveness of 85%, and response time for credit or billing-related inquiries requiring less than three days. For the St. Louis District, the Company was able to meet three of the four targets for the first quarter of 2003, and we expect the entire Missouri-American Water Company to meet these targets after completion of the final transition into the call center as noted above.

No. 174 Update

DATA INFORMATION REQUEST Missouri American Water Company CASE NO. WR-2003-0500

Requested From:Ed GrubbDate Requested:06/13/03Information Requested:

1. Provide by month, for the period covering January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2003, the total number of calls for the Alton Call Center. Update by month on an ongoing basis.

- Provide by month, for the period covering January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2003, the total number of calls to the Alton Call Center that related to each
 operating company and/or non-regulated entity activity such as the service line protection program offered by American Water Resources. Update by month
 on an ongoing basis.
- 3. Provide by month, for the period covering January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2003, the total costs of the Alton Call Center broken down by component. Update by month on an ongoing basis.
- 4. Provide by month, for the period covering January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2003, the total costs of the Alton Call Center as assigned to each operating company and/or non-regulated entity. Update by month on an ongoing basis.

Requested By:

John Cassidy

Information Provided:

For all responses please see the indicated .pdf file shown below that is being provided to the Staff.

Update 9/11/03 See attached.

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DATA INFORMATION REQUEST Missouri American Water Company CASE NO. WR-2003-0500

Requested From: Ed Grubb 8/22/03 Date Requested: Information Requested:

Refer to the Company's response to Staff Data request 297 regarding the customer call center transition costs charged to Missouri American plant in service. 1. Identify all tangible assets Missouri American actually received as part of the \$2,000,526 of customer call center transition cost. Be specific and identify corresponding dates and amounts for each tangible asset identified. the response to this request should include, but not be limited to, new computer equipment, new computer enhancements, new computer process or any other significant technological improvement.

Provide all justification for the Company's proposed inclusion of \$2,000,526 of customer call center transition cost in Missouri American Water Company's plant 2 in service. Provide a copy of all supporting documentation for this justification.

In the response to item 2, in Staff Data Request 297, the Company stated "These expenditures (i.e., the \$2,000,526 of customer call center transition costs) were 3. made to plan, design and implement the concept of the customer call center and relate to the benefit that these facilities will provide to the Company over the coming years." Provide a hard copy of any formal design plans that were prepared by Missouri American Water Company and were used to implement the concept of the customer call center. Also identify the dollar amount associated with this design plan and the date(s) charged.

Identify all amounts spent on "recruiting and training" of employees in relation to the customer call center by amount and by date charged. 4.

Explain in detail why Missouri American Water Company incurred costs for recruiting and training employees in relation to the customer call center. 5.

Identify all employees recruited and trained by name and job title and indicate where all of these recruited and trained employees work at the present time. 6.

Does the customer call center presently offer recruiting and training for all its employees? Please explain. 7.

Please explain in detail exactly what Missouri American Water Company received from American Water Capital Corporation via an Intercompany Transfer in the 8 amounts of #30,094.78 and \$199,984.63 recorded in the general ledger on January 31, 2002.

Please explain in detail exactly what Missouri American Water Company received from AWWS for October and November bill in the amount of \$131,277.88 9. recorded in the general ledger on November 30, 2001.

10. Please explain in detail exactly what Missouri American Water Company received for "TRF CALL CTR/SSC TO UPIS" in the amounts of \$1,346,832.06 and \$51,806 recorded in the general ledger on November 30, 2001.

Requested By:

John Cassidy, MoPSC Staff

Information Provided:

See Attached.

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Date Response Provided:

9/11/03

Ed. Grubb Prepared By:

CSC Blueprint - Attributes

American Water Works is creating a single customer service center that will provide world class customer service to our customers.

- 24 hours, 7 days a week operations
- Shared service organization
- **M** High level of customer service at a decreased cost to the customer
- Allows the operating companies to renew their focus on providing core distribution and field services
- **Service levels to operating companies guaranteed**
- Call center transition will be seamless through the implementation of a new 1-800 number
- **W** Flexibility in shifting resources to hand emergencies as they occur
- Skill-based routing of customer calls so that customers are handled effectively and efficiently



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DATA INFORMATION REQUEST Missouri American Water Company CASE NO. WR-2003-0500

Requested From: Ed Grubb 08/01/03 Date Requested: Information Requested:

Provide a copy of all documentation, studies, analysis and calculations performed to determine any additional costs associated with the 24/7/365 level of service being offered at the National Customer Service Center versus other alternative levels of customer service. Also, provide a copy of all supporting documentation with your response.

Requested By:

John Cassidy, MoPSC Staff

Information Provided:

No study exists. The decision to go 24/7 was to improve service levels to meet what we believe customers expected. Accenture had some documentation on other utilities and non-utility service, which indicated that 24/7, is an expected service level today. It was believed that this would not have a material cost impact due to having to already staff for all time zones and our need to staff for emergency services. It allows us to use non-peak staff to complete work not required to be completed during normal business hours. This information was all done prior to project implementation and this type of service level was discussed with the MO commission staff prior to implementing the project.

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DATA INFORMATION REQUEST Missouri American Water Company CASE NO. WR-2003-0500

Requested From:Ed GrubbDate Requested:08/01/03Information Requested:

Provide a copy of all customer surveys or any other analysis or calculations that were performed to determine what value Missouri-American customers placed on a 24/7/365 level of customer service. Include a copy of all supporting documentation in your response.

Requested By:

John Cassidy, MoPSC Staff

Information Provided:

No type of study exists. The decision to go 24/7 was to improve service levels to meet what we (including operating company presidents) believe customers expected. Accenture had some documentation on other utilities and non utility service which indicated that 24/7 is an expected service level today. It was also believed that this would not have a material cost impact due to having to already staff for all time zones and our need to staff for emergency services. I allows us to use non peak staff to complete work not required to be completed during normal business hours. This information was all done prior to project implementation and this type of service level was discussed with the MO commission staff prior to implementing the project.

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Date Response Provided: 8/2./03 Prepared By: E. Simon

DATA INFORMATION REQUEST Missouri American Water Company CASE NO. WR-2003-0500

Requested From: Ed Grubb Date Requested: Information Requested:

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Provide a copy of all documentation, studies, calculations and analysis that determined quantifiable benefits realized by Missouri-American associated with 24/7/365 level of customer service versus any other alternative levels of customer service that were examined. Also, provide a copy of all supporting documentation with the answer.

Requested By:

John Cassidy, MoPSC Staff

Information Provided:

No type of study exists. The decision to go 24/7 was to improve service levels to meet what we (including operating company presidents) believe customers expected. Accenture had some documentation on other utilities and non utility service which indicated that 24/7 is an expected service level today. It was also believed that this would not have a material cost impact due to having to already staff for all time zones and our need to staff for emergency services. It allows us to use non peak staff to complete work not required to be completed during normal business hours. This information was all done prior to project implementation and this type of service level was discussed with the MO commission staff prior to implementing the project.

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Date Response Provided: 8/21/03

Prepared By: E. Simon

DATA INFORMATION REQUEST Missouri American Water Company CASE NO. WR-2003-0500

Ed Grubb Requested From: 06/17/03 Date Requested: Information Requested:

- Describe in detail what services the National Shared Services Center provides to Missouri American. 1.
- Describe how Missouri American handled the services described in item 1 above prior to the formation of the National Shared Services Center. 2.
- Provide all cost benefit studies that Missouri American, American Water Works or any other entity performed that supported the decision to develop the 3. National Shared Services Center in the fourth quarter of 2001. Provide a copy of all supporting documentation.
- On what date(s) did Missouri American districts begin to receive services from the National Shared Services Center? 4.
- Provide a timeline or chronology of when each operating company and each non-regulated entity began to receive service from National Shared Services 5. Center from the start date in 2001 through present.
- Provide a timeline or chronology of when any remaining operating companies and any non-regulated entities will join the National Shared Services Center in 6. the future.

Requested By:

John Cassidy

Information Provided:

- The Shared Services Center provides accounting, payroll, cash management, fixed asset/job costing, benefit claims processing, 1. purchasing/accounts payable, rates and planning support, and tax accounting activities.
- Missouri-American has, for the most part, locally provided and staffed significant elements of their own financial/accounting services and other 2. functional departments necessary to provide such services, or in the case of smaller subsidiaries, at regional service company offices dedicated to providing these services. The shared services center has consolidated the majority of such activities into a single organization at one location, leaving only activities that can be performed more efficiently or more effectively on a local basis. Consolidation of these functions will effectuate a number of improvements organizationally, and will benefit customers in the short-term and long-term, by providing a more efficient and cost effective organization.
- 3. Cost/Benefit Study results see attached .pdf file.
- 4. November 7, 2001
- The Shared Services Center was implemented in 3 phases; Phase 1 September 4, 2001 included Iowa-American and New Jersey-American 5. Water Companies; Phase 2 - November 7, 2001 included Connecticut-American, Hampton Water Works Company (New Hampshire), Indiana-American, Long Island Water Company (New York), Massachusetts-American, Maryland-American, Michigan-American, Missouri-American, New York-American, Ohio-American, Tennessee-American and Virginia-American Water Companies.; Phase 3 - January 15, 2002 included Arizona-American, California-American, Hawaii-American, Kentucky-American, Illinois-American, New Mexico-American, Pennsylvania-American and West Virginia-American Water Companies. Shared Services provides payroll processing only for AWS, AWR and American Water. Those services began on January 15, 2002.

As of now, there are no plans to add any further subsidiaries.

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Date Response Provided: 7/7/03 T. McKitrick Prepared By:

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42,382 Ohio	547,603	102,982	38,589	5,273	14,117	2,366	31,670	0	71,271	317,158	\$1,131,027
552,937 Pennsylvania	2,886,468	55,978	109,410	7,945	22,610	8,645	107,399	0	929,832	0	\$4,128,287
3,034 Salisbury	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,102	57,169	\$62,271
69,886 Tennessee	713,878	48,243	21,527	10,279	21,242	2,955	32,390	0	117,522	555 ,663	\$1,523,699
52,972 Virginia	362,204	6,777	25,852	5,547	8,683	1,553	40,555	0	89,079	377,604	\$917,854
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218,937 Illinois	735,147	23,279	27,558	3,096	9,414	1,422	18,710	0	453,097	25,145	1,134,995	\$2,431,862
259,585 Indiana	46,766	2,956	649	165	257	236	1,217	0	98,779	5,482	247,440	\$403,947
56,592 lowa	222,867	9,489	7,860	1,839	3,447	624	16,333	0	173,299	9,617	434,108	\$879,483
99,285 Kentucky	131,469	9,409	1,000	.,000	0	0	0	0	128,482	7,130	321,844	\$588,925
73,609 Long Island	131,409	0	ő	0	0	0	0	0	8,282	460	20,747	\$29,489
4,745 Maryland	0	0	ů	Ő	0	0	0	0	29,530	1,639	73,971	\$105,140
16,918 Massachusetts	0	0	ő	0	0	0	0	0	6,729	373	16,855	\$23,958
3,855 Michigan	053 603	20,355	49,570	2,010	10,950	1,680	47,666	0	725,169	40,243	1,816,529	\$3,566,864
415,459 Missouri	852,692 905,341	46,435	40,799	8,481	11,594	2,816	67,314	0	645,602	35,828	1,617,216	\$3,381,425
369,874 New Jersey	905,341	40,435	40,730	0,401	0	0	0	81,376	23,635	1,312	59,206	\$165,529
13,541 New Mexico	0	0	0	ő	0	. 0	0	0	20,907	1,160	52,372	\$74,439
11,978 New York	0	10,840	4,062	555	1,486	249	3,334	0	73,976	4,105	185,309	\$353,328
42,382 Ohio	69,412		28,134	2,043	5,814	2,223	27,617	0	965,132	53,560	2,417,630	\$4,297,229
552,937 Pennsylvania	780,681	14,394 0	20,104	2,040	0	_,	0	0	5,296	294	13,266	\$18,855
3,034 Salisbury	0	10,156	4,532	2,164	4,472	622	6,819	0	121,984	6,769	305,566	\$591,557
69,886 Tennessee	128,473	•	4,332 5,276	1,132	1,772	317	8,276	0	92,461	5,131	231,612	\$412,724
52,972 Virginia	65,364	1,383	24,035	3,179	28,017	2,343	33,485	0	278,278	15,443	697,078	\$2,036,637
159,429 West Virginia	932,789	21,991	24,000	3,113	20,017	2,010		•				
2580931 133971	\$5,495,079	\$183,007	\$212,855	\$28,807	\$81,774	\$14,172	\$252,569	\$805,117	\$4,504,926	\$250,000	\$11,284,715	\$23,113,021