

**BEFORE THE MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of the General Rate Increase)
for Water and Sewer Service Provided by)
Missouri-American Water Company.)

Case No. WR-2003-0500

**UNANIMOUS REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE
THE AFFILIATE TRANSACTIONS RULE FOR WATER UTILITIES**

COME NOW the Parties to the case who were ordered to file an Affiliate Transactions Rule applicable to Water Utility Companies, Missouri American Water Company (MAWC), the Office of the Public Counsel (OPC) and the Staff of the Commission (Staff and collectively the Ordered Parties) and, in support of the Request for an Extension of Time to File, state:

1. On page 9 of the Commission’s Report and Order approving the Stipulation and Agreement in the above captioned Missouri American Water case, the Commission ordered the Company, the OPC, and the Staff to “cooperate to obtain promulgation of a Commission rule on affiliate transactions applicable to Company and its affiliates by April 16, 2005.”

2. As a result of that order, the Company and the Staff have exchanged proposed language for an affiliate transaction rule and have engaged in discussions regarding these proposals. All of this information and proposed language has been shared and discussed with the OPC. The Ordered Parties are currently working towards the goal of reaching a mutual agreement regarding the language for a proposed rule by participating in productive discussions concerning the final wording to be proposed to the Commission. Furthermore, it is the Staff’s intention to share the Proposed Rule with other water utility industry members for their comments and input.

3. To permit the Ordered Parties to continue to work toward resolution and agreement concerning the wording of the Proposed Rule and to allow for other utility industry members to comment, the Ordered Parties request a four (4) month extension of time, until August 15, 2005, for filing the Proposed Affiliate transactions rule for water utility companies, which will start the formal rulemaking process.

4. All Ordered Parties agree to this request.

WHEREFORE, the Staff, on behalf of the Ordered Parties requests an extension of time to file, until August 15, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel of record this 13th day of April 2005.

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