## OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri-American	)			
Water Company for a Certificate of	)			
Convenience and Necessity Authorizing	)			
it to Install, Own, Acquire, Construct,	)	File No	 	
Operate, Control, Manage and Maintain	)			
a Sewer System in an area of Jefferson	)			
County, Missouri (Harbor View Estates).	)			
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# APPLICATION AND MOTION FOR WAIVER

COMES NOW Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) pursuant to Sections 393.140 and 393.170, RSMo, and 4 CSR 240-2.060, 4 CSR 240-3.305, and 4 CSR 240-4.017, and for its Application and Motion for Waiver, states as follows to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission):

#### **BACKGROUND**

- 1. This Application is to obtain a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for MAWC to install, own, acquire, construct, operate, control, manage and maintain a sewer system in Jefferson County, Missouri, in a subdivision known as Harbor View Estates.
- 2. MAWC is a Missouri corporation with its principal office and place of business at 727 Craig Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63141. MAWC is a Missouri corporation in good standing. A certified copy of MAWC's certificate of good standing was submitted in Case No. SA-2007-0316 and is incorporated by reference. MAWC currently provides water service to the public in and around the cities of St. Joseph, Joplin, Brunswick, Mexico, Warrensburg, Parkville, Riverside, Jefferson City, and parts of Cole, St. Charles, Warren, Jefferson, Morgan, Pettis, Benton, Barry, Stone, Greene, Taney, Christian, Platte, Newton, Jasper, Lincoln, Washington, Clay, Clinton, Ray,

Moniteau Counties, and most all of St. Louis County, Missouri. MAWC currently provides water

service to approximately 457,300 customers. MAWC provides sewer service to approximately

13,221 customers in Callaway, Jefferson, Pettis, Cole, Morgan, Platte, Taney, Stone, Christian,

Clay, Clinton, Ray, Washington and Warren Counties, Missouri. MAWC is a "water

corporation," a "sewer corporation" and a "public utility" as those terms are defined in Section

386.020 RSMo, and is subject to the jurisdiction and supervision of the Commission as provided

by law. MAWC has no overdue Commission annual reports or assessment fees. There is no

pending action or final unsatisfied judgment or decision against MAWC from any state or

federal agency or court which involves customer service or rates, which action, judgment or

decision has occurred within three years of the date of this Application other than cases

pending before this Commission – Cases Nos. SA-2019-0334 (Hillers Creek), WA-2019-0364 (Isla

del Sol), WA-2019-0366 (Sunset Palms), WA-2019-0259 (Joplin Reservoir), WW-2019-0242

(Working Group), WC-2019-0271 (Eliceiri), WC-2019-0334 (Travis), and WO-2019-0389 (ISRS).

3. Communications respecting this Application should be addressed to the

undersigned counsel and:

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**CERTIFICATE** 

4. MAWC requests permission, approval and a Certificate of Convenience and

Necessity to install, own, acquire, construct, operate, control, manage and maintain a sewer

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system for the public in an area of Jefferson County, Missouri, as set forth on the map attached to this Application as **Appendix A.** This area is generally known as Harbor View Estates subdivision. There are approximately 43 sewer customers. There is a possibility of future development in the form of five (5) lots that could be developed resulting in five (5) more sewer accounts. MAWC is currently the water provider for the 43 customers, and MAWC treats wastewater flows for the homes under an agreement with the Northeast Public Sewer District. MAWC does not own the sewer collection assets.

- 5. A legal description of the area sought to be certificated for sewer service is attached to this Application as **Appendix B**.
- 6. Attached hereto and marked as <u>Appendix C-C</u> is a list of ten residents or land owners within the proposed service area. <u>Appendix C-C</u> has been identified as Confidential in accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.135(2)(A)1, as it contains information related directly to specific persons.
- 7. Attached hereto and marked as <u>Appendix D-C</u> is a feasibility study for the sewer system, including estimated numbers of customers, expenses, the estimated cost of the system as constructed and revenues during the first three years of operation by MAWC. The system is already built out completely. Thus, no new construction is planned. Attached as <u>Appendices</u> <u>D1, D2 and D3</u> are drawings of the system as constructed. No external financing is anticipated. Appendix D-C has been identified as Confidential in accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.135(2)(A)3, 4 and 6, as it contains market specific information and information representing strategies employed in contract negotiations.

- 8. MAWC will not require any franchises or permits from municipalities, counties, or other authorities in connection with the proposed system.
- 9. To provide service to the proposed area, MAWC will purchase a sewer collection system from the Northeast Public Sewer District (Seller). A copy of the Agreement for Purchase of Wastewater Collection System governing this transaction is attached hereto as **Appendix E-C** (Agreement). **Appendix E-C** has been identified as Confidential in accordance with Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.135(2)(A)4 and 6, as market specific information and information representing strategies employed in contract negotiations.
- 10. MAWC proposes to provide sewer service pursuant to the existing rates, rules, and regulations currently found in Mo. P.S.C. No. 26 tariff; and pursuant to the rates found on Sheet RT 3.1.
- 11. The grant of the requested certificate (and approval of the underlying transaction) will result in regulated sewer service to be provided to the current and future residents of the Harbor View Estates subdivision. The system would be acquired by MAWC, a Missouri public utility, and be subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission. MAWC has considerable expertise and experience in providing water and sewer utility services to residents of the State of Missouri and is fully qualified, in all respects, to own and operate the sewer system currently being operated in Harbor View Estates subdivision.

#### **MOTION FOR WAIVER**

12. Rule 4 CSR 240-4.017(1) provides that "(a)ny person that intends to file a case shall file a notice with the secretary of the commission a minimum of sixty (60) days prior to filing such a case." A notice was not filed 60 days prior to the filing of this Petition, and MAWC seeks a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement.

13. Rule 4 CSR 240-4.017(1)(D) provides that a waiver may be granted for good

cause. Good cause exists in this case. MAWC declares (as verified below) that it has had not

communication with the office of the Commission (as defined by Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-

4.015(10)) within the prior 150 days regarding any substantive issue likely to be in this case,

other than those pleadings filed for record. Accordingly, for good cause shown, MAWC moves

for a waiver of the 60-day notice requirement of Rule 4 CSR 240-4.017(1) and acceptance of this

Application.

WHEREFORE, MAWC requests the Commission grant it permission, approval and a

Certificate of Convenience and Necessity authorizing MAWC to:

a) install, acquire, build, construct, own, operate, control, manage and maintain a

sewer system for the public within the area referred to above;

b) acquire the assets identified herein of Northeast Public Sewer District; and,

c) take such other actions as may be deemed necessary and appropriate to

accomplish the purposes of the Agreement and the Application and to consummate related

transactions in accordance with the Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been sent by electronic mail this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019, to:

General Counsel's Office Office of the Public Counsel <a href="mailto:staffcounselservice@psc.mo.gov">staffcounselservice@psc.mo.gov</a> <a href="mailto:opcservice@opc.mo.gov">opcservice@opc.mo.gov</a>

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### **AFFIDAVIT**

State of Missouri			
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County of St. Louis	)		
I, Timothy Luft, having been duly sworn upon my oath, state that I am the Vice-President Legal and Corporate Secretary of Missouri-American Water Company, that I am duly authorized to make this affidavit on behalf of MAWC, that the matters and things stated in the foregoing application and appendices thereto are true and correct of the best of my information, knowledge and belief. Additionally, no representative of MAWC has had any communication with the office of the Missouri Public Service Commission as defined in Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-4.015(10), within the immediately preceding 150 days regarding the subject matter of this Application.			
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Subscribed and sworn before me this 11th day of September, 2019.			
Notary Public			
My Commission Expir	JUANITA BROOKS Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for St. Louis County My Commission Expires: June 08, 2021 Commission Number: 13714485		