BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of)	
Missouri-American Water Company)	Case No. WO-2008-0240
for approval of a Water Usage Data)	
Agreement with the St. Louis)	
Metropolitan Sewer District.)	

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and, for its Recommendation, states to the Missouri Public Service Commission as follows.

On January 23, 2008, Missouri-American Water Company ("MAWC") requested that the Commission approve a Water Usage Data Agreement between MAWC and the St. Louis Metropolitan Sewer District ("MSD"). On January 25, 2008, the Commission ordered the Staff to file in this case either a recommendation or a status report stating when it will file a recommendation.

The Staff notes that MAWC and MSD had agreed, in the Stipulation and Agreement they filed in Case No. WR-2007-0216, that they would execute a water usage data agreement by October 1, 2007, and that they would submit the executed agreement to the Commission for approval. MAWC and MSD did not execute the Water Usage Data Agreement that is the subject of this case until November 29, 2007, nearly two months after their agreed-upon deadline. However, the Water Usage Data Agreement complies in every other respect with the Stipulation and Agreement, and with the Commission' order approving the Stipulation and Agreement (which was also issued in Case No. WR-2007-0216). The Staff believes there is no harm in the delayed execution of this Water Usage Data Agreement, and recommends that the Commission approve the agreement.

The Staff further notes that MAWC filed a revised tariff sheet to carry out its obligations under the Water Usage Data Agreement, designated as P.S.C. MO. No. 6, Fifth Revised Sheet No. RT-16.0. The said tariff sheet complies with the requirements of the Water Usage Data Agreement. This tariff sheet became effective December 1, 2007.

WHEREFORE, the Staff recommends that the Commission approve the Water Usage Data Agreement between MAWC and MSD, dated November 29, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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