BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)	
Missouri-American Water Company and)	
Meramec Sewer Co. for Authority to Acquire)	File No. SO-2012-0091
Certain Assets of Meramec Sewer Co. and, in)	
Connection Therewith, Other Related Transactions)	

STAFF'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Staff"), by and through the undersigned counsel, and submits to the Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") the following *Motion for Extension of Time ("Motion")*:

- 1. On September 27, 2011, the Commission issued a *Notice of Application and Order Directing Notice ("Order")*.
- 2. The *Order* includes that "[n]o later than October 28, 2011, the Commission's staff shall file its recommendation on the application. The recommendation shall include a copy of all information obtained by Staff as to any impact the transaction described in the application will have on the tax revenues of an affected political subdivision."
- 3. On October 6, 2011, Missouri-American Water Company filed a response to the *Order* stating its belief that Jefferson County, Missouri is the only county that contains any part of a political subdivision in which any asset subject to the application is located.
- 4. Staff believes there will be no impact on the tax revenue to any political subdivision.
- 5. Staff hereby seeks an extension of time, until February 10, 2012, for the Staff to obtain and assess information pertaining to any impact of the transaction, to conclude its investigation, and to file a recommendation,.
- 6. This request for more time is not meant as a delay tactic, but rather to provide Staff adequate time to prepare its recommendation in accordance with the Commission's *Order*.

WHEREFORE, the Staff respectfully submits this *Motion* and respectfully asks the Commission to grant the Staff until February 10, 2012, to file the recommendation described in the Commission's *Order*.

Respectfully submitted,

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