

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri-American	)	
Water Company's Request for Authority	)	
to Implement a General Rate Increase	)	Case No. WR-2007-0216, et al.
for Water Service Provided in Missouri	)	
Service Areas	)	

**Motion to Postpone Start of the Evidentiary Hearing**

Comes now Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC or Company) and for its Motion to Postpone the Start of the Evidentiary Hearing set in the above-referenced matter, states to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) as follows:

1. At present, the Evidentiary Hearing in the above-referenced matter is set to begin at 8:30 a.m., Monday, August 6, 2007.

2. All of the Parties, except the City of Joplin, have reached an agreement and are in the process of preparing a Nonunanimous Stipulation and Agreement that would resolve virtually all of the issues as among those Signatory Parties. Although the City of Joplin has indicated that it will oppose the Nonunanimous Stipulation and Agreement and request a hearing, counsel for the City of Joplin has indicated that Joplin is likely to ask for a hearing on something less than the complete list of previously identified issues.

3. Although the Parties are working diligently to reduce their agreement to writing and file same with the Commission, they will not be able to do so by the end of the day today, Friday, August 3, 2007.

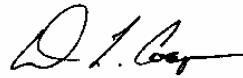
4. Accordingly, MAWC requests that the Commission postpone the start time for the Evidentiary Hearing set to begin on Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 a.m. to

1:30 p.m. This will allow the Signatory Parties additional time to finalize and file their Nonunanimous Stipulation and Agreement as well as allow all Parties the opportunity to develop a revised Hearing Schedule which will allow the City of Joplin to pursue those issues that are of interest to it and to call and examine those witnesses who have filed testimony relevant to those issues.

5. Counsel for MAWC has contacted counsel for all the other Parties, with the exception of counsel for the Union Workers (who are unavailable), and has been advised that none of those Parties are opposed to this request.

WHEREFORE, MAWC respectfully requests the Commission to postpone the start of the Evidentiary Hearing in this matter from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on August 6, 2007, and for such other relief as is reasonable in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,



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