

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

In the Matter of the General Rate Increase)	
for Water and Sewer Service Provided)	<u>Case No. WR-2007-0216</u>
by Missouri-American Water Company.)	

STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, by and through the Commission's General Counsel, and hereby recommends that the Commission approve the Company's compliance tariffs. In support thereof, Staff states as follows:

1. The Commission issued its Report & Order on October 4, 2007, and therein rejected the tariffs filed by the Company at the initiation of this consolidated case.
2. Thereafter, the Company filed certain compliance tariffs on October 10, 2007, and moved for expedited treatment thereof.
3. Also on October 10, 2007, the Commission directed Staff to file its recommendation not later than 3:00 p.m. on October 12, 2007.
4. Staff states that the press of other business – a great deal of other business – has prevented Staff from filing this recommendation sooner.
5. Staff states that it has examined the compliance tariffs filed herein by the Company and that it is of the opinion that they comply with the Report and Order of October 4, 2007, and should be approved.

WHEREFORE, Staff prays the Commission will accept its Recommendation, late-filed on this date, excuse its failure to file more timely, and

approve forthwith the Company's compliance tariffs.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served, either electronically or by First Class United States Mail, postage prepaid, on this **12th day of October, 2007**, to the parties of record as set out on the official Service List maintained by the Data Center of the Missouri Public Service Commission for this case, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

s/ Kevin A. Thompson