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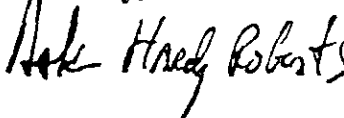
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Enclosed find certified copy of ORDER in the above-numbered case(s).

Sincerely,



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of St. Louis)
County Water Company, doing business as)
Missouri-American Water Company, for Restate-) Case No. WA-2001-288
ment and Clarification of Its Certificate of)
Convenience and Necessity for St. Louis)
County, Missouri.)

ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION,
SETTING A PREHEARING CONFERENCE
AND DIRECTING FILING OF
PROPOSED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

On October 31, 2001, St. Louis County Water Company, doing business as Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC or Company), filed its application for restatement and clarification of its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for St. Louis County, Missouri.

The Commission issued its Order Directing Notice on November 14, 2000. Therein, the Commission established an intervention period of 30 days, ending on December 14, 2000, and directed MAWC to serve its application on each affected municipality and to file proof of service in this case on or before November 24, 2000. MAWC filed proof of service on November 22, 2000.

Thereafter, the Cities of Winchester and Maryland Heights (Winchester) jointly moved for leave to intervene and moved for a hearing on December 12. The City of Chesterfield (Chesterfield) moved for leave to intervene on December 13. The City of St. Ann (St. Ann) applied to intervene on December 14. On December 15, the Cities and Villages of Ballwin, Bel-Nor, Bel-Ridge, Bella Villa, Bellerive, Bellefontaine Neighbors, Breckenridge Hills, Bridgeton, Clayton, Cool Valley, Crestwood,

Des Peres, Green Park, Hazelwood, Manchester, Maplewood, Normandy, Pasadena Hills, Pine Lawn, Richmond Heights, Riverview, Rock Hill, Town and Country, University City, Velda City, and Wildwood (Cities and Villages) jointly filed their application to intervene out-of-time. On December 21, 2000, counsel for Company filed a copy of a letter that Company sent to each proposed intervenor herein.

Intervention:

Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.075 governs intervention:

(1) An application to intervene shall comply with these rules and shall be filed within thirty (30) days after the commission issues its order giving notice of the case, unless otherwise ordered by the commission.

(2) An application to intervene shall state the proposed intervenor's interest in the case and reasons for seeking intervention, and shall state whether the proposed intervenor supports or opposes the relief sought or that the proposed intervenor is unsure of the position it will take.

(3) An association filing an application to intervene shall list all of its members.

(4) The commission may on application permit any person to intervene on a showing that:

(A) The proposed intervenor has an interest which is different from that of the general public and which may be adversely affected by a final order arising from the case; or

(B) Granting the proposed intervention would serve the public interest.

(5) Applications to intervene filed after the intervention date may be granted upon a showing of good cause.

(6) Any person not a party to a case may petition the commission for leave to file a brief as an amicus curiae.

Each of the intervenors herein has stated allegations in its application or motion which support intervention under the Commission's rule. No party has opposed any of the proposed interventions and the time

for doing so has now expired. The Commission has reviewed the applications and motions to intervene and finds that they are in substantial compliance with the cited Commission Rule and that each of the proposed intervenors has an interest in this matter different from that of the general public. The Commission will grant the requests for intervention.

Prehearing Conference and Proposed Procedural Schedule:

An early prehearing conference shall be scheduled to afford the parties the opportunity to discuss, define, and possibly resolve the issues presented in this case, and to discuss a procedural schedule. The Commission will also set a date for the filing of a proposed procedural schedule in order to ensure that this case progresses promptly to resolution. The proposed procedural schedule shall include dates for the filing of prepared direct, rebuttal and surrebuttal testimony, a list of contested issues to be determined by the Commission and a statement of each party's position on each such issue, a list of witnesses, including the order in which each witness will be called and the order of cross-examination, and an evidentiary hearing.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That intervention in this case in accordance with 4 CSR 240-2.075(4) is granted to the Cities of Winchester and Maryland Heights, the City of Chesterfield, the City of St. Ann, and the Cities and Villages of Ballwin, Bel-Nor, Bel-Ridge, Bella Villa, Bellerive, Bellefontaine Neighbors, Breckenridge Hills, Bridgeton, Clayton, Cool Valley, Crestwood, Des Peres, Green Park, Hazelwood, Manchester, Maplewood, Normandy, Pasadena Hills, Pine Lawn, Richmond Heights, Riverview, Rock Hill, Town and Country, University City, Velda City, and Wildwood. The Records Department of the Missouri Public Service Commission shall add counsel for each of these intervenors to the service list for this case.

2. That a prehearing conference shall be held on January 25, 2001, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The prehearing conference shall be held at the Commission's offices at the Governor Office Building at 200 Madison Street in Jefferson City, Missouri, a building which meets the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Any person desiring additional accommodations under the ADA should contact the Missouri Public Service Commission at least ten days before the prehearing conference at: Consumer Services Hotline - 1-800-392-4211 or TDD Hotline - 1-800-829-7541.

3. That the parties shall file a proposed procedural schedule no later than February 1, 2001. The procedural schedule shall include dates for the filing of testimony, an issues list, position statements, a witness list, and for an evidentiary hearing.

4. That this order shall become effective on January 21, 2001.

BY THE COMMISSION



Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge

(S E A L)

Kevin A. Thompson, Deputy Chief Regulatory
Law Judge, by delegation of authority
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 1994.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 11th day of January, 2001.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and
I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City,
Missouri, this 11th day of Jan. 2001.



A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dale Hardy Roberts".

Dale Hardy Roberts
Secretary/Chief Regulatory Law Judge