

**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	)	<b><u>File No. SO-2012-0091</u></b>
Certain Assets of Meramec Sewer Co. and, in	)	
Connection Therewith, Other Related Transactions	)	

**STAFF’S REQUEST FOR RELIEF FROM FILING RECOMMENDATION**

**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 *Request for Relief to File Recommendation (Request)*:

1. On September 26, 2011, a *Joint Application for Authority to Acquire Certain Assets of Meramec Sewer Co. and, in Connection Therewith, Other Related Transactions* was filed with the Commission by Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) and Meramec Sewer Co. (Meramec), together hereafter referred to as the Applicants.

2. On October 26, 2011, Staff was granted an extension of time to file its Recommendation by February 10, 2012.

3. On February 8, MAWC and Meramec filed a *Joint Motion for Dismissal*, making Staff’s recommendation unnecessary, therefore Staff seeks permission not to file a Recommendation as the Applicants no longer seek permission to transfer assets.

4. Staff further requests that this matter be closed.

**WHEREFORE**, the Staff respectfully submits this *Request* and asks the Commission to grant Staff’s requested relief to not file a Recommendation because the Applicants have filed a Joint Motion to Dismiss this matter, to close this file, and any other such relief that the Commission deems appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed or hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or by electronic mail to all counsel of record on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

/s/ Rachel M. Lewis