BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the General Rate Increase for) Natural Gas Service Provided by Missouri) Case No. WR-2008-031 & SR-2008-0312)	1
AFFIDAVIT OF KIMBERLY K. BOLIN	
STATE OF MISSOURI)) ss. COUNTY OF COLE)	
Kimberly K. Bolin, of lawful age, on her oath states: that she has participated in preparation of the foregoing Revised Page 10, line 22 and Revised Page 11, line 5 of Direct Testimony; that she has knowledge of the matters set forth in such Revised Page 10 and 11; and that such matters are true to the best of her knowledge and belief.	her
Kimberly K. Bolin	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of August, 2008.	
NIKKI SENN Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Osage County by Commission Expires: October 01, 2011 Commission Number: 07287016	

Net Income Required based upon Staff's Rate Base and Rate of Return	\$ 1,000,000
Net Income Available based upon Existing Rates	\$ 600,000
Additional Net Income Required	\$ 400,000
Tax Gross Up Factor based upon a 38.39% Effective Tax Rate	x 1.6231
Recommended Revenue Requirement Increase	\$ 649,240

In this example, the utility must increase its revenues \$649,240 in order to generate an additional \$400,000 in after-tax net income required to provide the return on investment considered reasonable by the Staff. The example reflects \$249,240 in additional revenue to pay the current income tax which applies to any increase in the utility's operating revenue. Another illustration, using the same assumptions will clarify the need for this proforma adjustment for additional income tax:

Additional Revenue Collected in Rates from Rate Increase	\$ 649,240
Less Income Tax Due the IRS Based Upon a 38.39% Tax Rate	\$ (249,240)
Additional Net Income for Return on Investment	\$ 400,000

The above examples represent the normal proforma factoring up for income taxes associated with a Commission approved rate increase.

- Q. Please describe the Staff's direct revenue requirement filing in this proceeding.
- A. The results of the Staff's audit of Missouri-American's rate case request can be found in the Staff's filed Accounting Schedules, and is summarized on Accounting Schedule 1, Revenue Requirement. This Accounting Schedule shows the Staff's recommended revenue requirement for Missouri-American in this proceeding ranges from approximately \$25,478,378 to \$29,956,886 based upon a recommended rate of return range of 7.52% to 7.95%. Staff's recommended revenue requirement includes an estimated true-up

allowance of approximately \$14.3 million. The Staff based its true-up allowance on information provided by the Company indicating the districts in which plant additions were to occur before September 30, 2008 and the amount of plant additions for each. The Staff's recommended revenue requirement at the midpoint of the rate of return range (7.773%) is \$27,712,413 (including true-up allowance).

- Q. What revenue increase did the Company request from the Commission in this case?
- A. Missouri-American requested that its annual revenues be increased by approximately \$49,622,515 for water revenues and \$133,012 for sewer revenues.
- Q. What return on equity range is the Staff recommending for Missouri-American in this case?
- A. The Staff is recommending a return on equity range of 9.60% to 10.60%, with a midpoint return on equity of 10.10%, as calculated by Staff Witness Barnes. The Staff's recommended capital structure for Missouri-American is 42.85% common equity, 0.32% preferred stock, 3.58% short-term debt and 53.24% long-term debt, based upon the Company's consolidated actual capital structure as of March 31, 2008. When Missouri-American's cost of debt, cost of preferred stock and above-referenced cost of equity are input into this capital structure, the Company's resulting cost of capital to apply to rate base is in a range of 7.52% to 7.95%, with 7.73% the midpoint value. The Staff's recommended weighted cost of capital is explained in more detail in Section V of the Staff's Cost of Service Report.