

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

In the Matter of Missouri- American Water	)	Case Nos. WR-2007-0216
	)	SR-2007-0217
	)	ST-2007-0443
Company's Filing of Revised Sewer Tariff Sheets to	)	
Implement a Capacity Charge for Missouri-	)	Tariff File Nos:
American's Warren County and Jefferson County	)	JS 2007-713
Sewer Districts.	)	JS 2007-714

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT

COMES NOW Home Builders Association of St. Louis and Eastern Missouri, Inc., (HBA) and submits this statement in support of the Stipulation and Agreement filed with the Public Service Commission on August 9, 2007.

As part of the global settlement of the water and sewer rate cases (case nos. WR-2007-0216 and SR-2007-0217) and capacity charge case (case no. ST-2007-0443) proposed in the Stipulation and Agreement, HBA, the Office of Public Counsel, the staff of the Public Service Commission, and Missouri American Water Company (MAWC) have agreed that capacity charges of \$1,500 per new sewer connection for single family residences may be imposed in the Warren County (Incline Village) and Jefferson County (Cedar Hill) sewer districts. MAWC had originally proposed a capacity charge of \$5,500 per new sewer connection for single family residences in these districts. If accepted by this Commission, the Stipulation and Agreement will resolve all issues in case no. ST-2007-0443.

The City of Joplin has not objected to the capacity charge portion of the Stipulation and Agreement, and HBA is not aware of any other party that opposes or disagrees with the Stipulation and Agreement. The City of Joplin's objections, if accepted, would jeopardize a global settlement that is acceptable to all other parties to the consolidated cases. Accordingly,

HBA respectfully requests that this Commission approve the Stipulation and Agreement and reject the contentions of the City of Joplin.

Respectfully submitted,

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