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

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water ) Company's Request for Authority to Implement ) A General Rate Increase for Water and Sewer ) Service Provided in Missouri Service Areas. )

Case No. WR-2008-0311 SR-2008-0312

## STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN MAWC AND MSD

COME NOW Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) and Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD), and respectfully state to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) that, as a result of negotiations, the undersigned parties (Parties) have reached the stipulations and agreements contained herein:

1. MAWC and MSD agree that MAWC will provide water usage meter

reading data and customer billing information and related services to MSD and, in return, MSD will pay MAWC \$29,166 per month (\$350,000 annually) for such information and services. As a result, the currently effective revised tariff sheet number RT 16.0 shall remain in effect and not be changed as a result of this case. No revenue shall be imputed to the Company in the process of setting just and reasonable rates in this case as a result of this issue.

2. The specific terms and conditions of providing such billing data and related services shall continue to be governed by the Water Usage Data Agreement dated November 29, 2007. That agreement was approved by the Commission by its order issued April 1, 2008, in Case No. WO-2008-0240.

3. MAWC and MSD agree that if this Stipulation and Agreement is approved by the Commission, neither MAWC or MSD will take any action to alter or rescind the

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rate identified in RT 16.0 prior to MAWC's next general rate case, at which time both MAWC and MSD are free to ask the Commission to review and revise the rates, terms and/or conditions regarding the provision of billing data and related services. MAWC and MSD reserve their rights, without prejudice, to maintain their respective positions with respect to the issues raised in Case No. WC-2007-0040, in any future proceeding. Further, MSD and MAWC are free to propose whatever cost method they believe is appropriate in MAWC's next general rate increase case.

4. This Stipulation and Agreement is being entered into solely for the purpose of settling the identified issue in this case that is listed above. Unless otherwise explicitly provided herein, none of the signatories to this Stipulation and Agreement shall be deemed to have approved or acquiesced in any ratemaking or procedural principle, including, without limitation, any other method of cost determination or cost allocation or revenue-related methodology. Other than explicitly provided herein, none of the signatories shall be prejudiced or bound in any manner by the terms of this Stipulation and Agreement in this or any other proceeding regardless of whether this Stipulation and Agreement is approved.

5. This Stipulation and Agreement has resulted from negotiations among the signatories and the terms hereof are interdependent. If the Commission does not approve this Stipulation and Agreement unconditionally and without modification, then this Stipulation and Agreement shall be void and no signatory shall be bound by any of the agreements or provisions hereof, except as explicitly provided herein.

6. If the Commission does not unconditionally approve this Stipulation and Agreement without modification, and notwithstanding the provision herein that it shall

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become void; neither this Stipulation and Agreement nor any matters associated with its consideration by the Commission shall be considered or argued to be a waiver of the rights that any Party has for a decision in accordance with §536.080 RSMo 2000 or Article V, Section 18 of the Missouri Constitution, and the Parties shall retain all procedural and due process rights as fully as though this Stipulation and Agreement had not been presented for approval, and any suggestions, memoranda, testimony, or exhibits that have been offered or received in support of this Stipulation and Agreement shall become privileged as reflecting the substantive content of settlement discussions and shall be stricken from and not be considered as part of the administrative or evidentiary record before the Commission for any purpose whatsoever.

7. In the event the Commission unconditionally accepts the specific terms of this Stipulation and Agreement without modification, the signatories waive their respective rights to present oral argument and written briefs pursuant to §536.080.1 RSMo 2000; their respective rights to the reading of the transcript by the Commission pursuant to RSMo §536.080.2 RSMo 2000; their respective rights to seek rehearing, pursuant to §536.500 RSMo 2000; and their respective rights to judicial review pursuant to §386.510 RSMo 2000. This waiver applies only to a Commission order respecting this Stipulation and Agreement issued in this proceeding and only to the issues that are resolved hereby. It does not apply to any matters raised in any prior or subsequent Commission proceeding or any matters not explicitly addressed by this Stipulation and Agreement.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the undersigned Parties respectfully request that the Commission issue its Order approving all of the specific terms and

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conditions of this Stipulation and Agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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