

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

In the Matter of the General Rate Increase     )  
for Water and Sewer Service Provided         )     Case No.     WR-2007-0216  
by Missouri-American Water Company.         )

**UTILITY WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA LOCAL 335, AFL-CIO'S  
SUGGESTION IN RESPONSE TO THE NON-UNANIMOUS STIPULATION  
AND AGREEMENT**

COMES NOW Utility Workers Union of America Local 335, AFL-CIO ("UWUA 335"), by counsel, and responds to the August 9, 2007 Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement ("Agreement") as follows:

1. UWUA 335 does not have any issue with the rate increase proposed by the Agreement. However, UWUA 335 would like to advise the Commission of certain information. Since the negotiations surrounding the Agreement concluded, UWUA 335 learned new information regarding the issue of asbestos-cement pipe maintenance.

2. Doug Wills, President of UWUA Local 455, filed an OSHA complaint against the Company regarding the removal of asbestos-cement piping. OSHA investigated the matter and found a violation. On August 10, 2007, the Company met with OSHA officials regarding Mr. Willis' complaint; Mr. Willis was present at this meeting.

3. At the meeting, Company Executive Bill Cooper stated the Company's intent to have an out-of-state (Indiana) employer perform maintenance work on asbestos-cement piping. Previously, this work was performed by employees who were Missouri residents.

4. While the extent of this work is unclear, upon information and belief there is a substantial amount of asbestos-cement piping in the Missouri system. Accordingly, the loss of work to Missouri residents may be substantial.

5. A subsequent conversation between UWUA 335 President Al Ratermann and Company President Terry Gloriod confirmed that the work will be subcontracted in the St. Charles area, and subcontracting will be considered for the St. Louis area.

6. UWUA 335 suggests that some of the money from the rate increase could be used to train Missouri employees to perform maintenance pursuant to OSHA standards to avoid the loss of work to an out-of-state employer.

Respectfully submitted,

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