BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water) Company for Certificates of Convenience and) Necessity Authorizing it to Install, Own, Acquire,) Construct, Operate, Control, Manage and) Maintain a Sewer System in an area of Clinton) County, Missouri (Timber Springs Estates))

File No. SA-2019-0183

MISSOURI-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY'S REPLY TO STAFF RESPONSE

COMES NOW Missouri-American Water Company, and provides its *Reply to Staff Response*. On March 14, 2019, the Commission issued its *Order Directing Filing*, directing the Commission's Staff to answer a series of questions regarding MAWC's proposed area Certificate of Convenience and Necessity. The Staff filed its *Response to Order* ("Staff

Response") on March 26, 2019. MAWC replies to the Staff Response as follows:

1. Does MAWC provide water service in the proposed CCN area?

MAWC does not currently provide water service in the proposed CCN area.

a. If not, who does?

The general area does not receive water service from any Commission regulated entity. MAWC believes that some of the area is served by the City of Plattsburg, through a water plant on Smithville Lake. However, the proposed CCN area, as amended, does not include the city limits of any municipality.

b. Does MAWC plan to acquire a water CCN for this service area?

No.

2. What is the difference in area between the proposed CCN and the Timber Springs Estates subdivision?

Please see response of Staff.

3. Why should a CCN be granted for an area extending beyond the Timber

Springs Estates subdivision?

MAWC agrees with Staff's response. MAWC further adds that the Director of the Department of Natural Resources has also stated that the consolidation of small water and sewer systems are a priority for the State of Missouri.

4. MAWC is in talks with one of two other sewer systems in the area, how many customers do those systems serve?

Clinton Estates has approximately 57 connections with another six in the process of being built for a total of 63 connections. Centennial Acres has approximately 19 connections.

a. Who owns those sewer systems?

Each of these systems are owned and operated by Homeowners Associations and are not regulated by the Commission.

b. Are the customers residential?

Yes.

a. Have the owners of the other sewer systems or their customers

expressed an interest in being acquired?

Yes, as to Clinton Estates.

b. What is the status of any potential acquisition?

MAWC is working on final approval and a potential contract, and waiting<u>on</u> the outcome of this matter so Clinton Estates and MAWC will know whether they will have to go

through the time and expense of a separate certificate/acquisition case.

5. What, if any, harm would result of approval of only the Timber Springs Estates subdivision area, if no additional residential growth is expected?

MAWC agrees with Staff's response.

6. What, if any, harm would result from applying for approval of an additional service area as additional systems are acquired?

MAWC agrees with Staff's response.

7. Are there any instances where the Commission has purposefully granted overlapping CCN areas? Why?

MAWC agrees with Staff's response.

WHEREFORE, MAWC respectfully submits its *Response to Order* for the Commission's information and consideration, and requests the Commission grant such other and further relief as the Commission considers just in the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record on this 26th day of March, 2019.

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