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

| The Office of the Public Counsel, |                |                       |
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| Co                                | omplainant, )  |                       |
| V.                                | )              | File No. WC-2014-0138 |
| Missouri American Water Company,  |                |                       |
| Re                                | espondent. )   |                       |
| Lee and Caroline Kilmer, )        |                |                       |
| Co                                | omplainants, ) |                       |
| V.                                | )              | File No. WC-2014-0228 |
| Missouri American Water Company,  |                |                       |
| Re                                | espondent. )   |                       |

## FIFTH ORDER CONSOLIDATING CASES AND ORDER DIRECTING FILING

Issue Date: March 26, 2014 Effective Date: March 26, 2014

The Missouri Public Service Commission ("Commission") issued notice of complaints filed against Missouri-American Water Company ("MAWC") in the above-captioned cases. On March 13, 2014, MAWC filed a *Request for Consolidation* in each of these cases, which stated that the above cases involve related questions of law and fact and requested that the Commission consolidate the cases to prevent unnecessary costs and delay. More than ten days have elapsed since the motion was filed, and no party has responded or objected to MAWC's request. The Commission finds that these actions involve related questions of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.080(13) states that "[p]arties shall be allowed ten (10) days from the date of filing in which to respond to any pleading unless otherwise ordered by the commission".

law and fact and will consolidate these actions pursuant to Commission Rule 4 CSR 240-2.110(3).

On December 13, 2013, MAWC filed a *Consolidated Answer of Missouri-American Water Company* for WC-2014-0138 and the cases previously consolidated into that proceeding. The Commission will set a deadline for any party affected by this order to file any objection to considering the *Consolidated Answer* as MAWC's answer to the allegations in that party's complaint.

## THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

- 1. File Nos. WC-2014-0138 and WC-2014-0228 are consolidated. All future case submissions shall be made in File No. WC-2014-0138.
- 2. Any party wishing to object to considering the *Consolidated Answer* filed by MAWC as MAWC's answer to the allegations in that party's complaint, shall do so no later than April 4, 2014.
  - 3. This order shall become effective immediately upon issuance.

BY THE COMMISSION

Morris L. Woodruff Secretary



Michael Bushmann, Senior Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.