OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri-American)	
Water Company's Request for Authority)	
to Implement a General Rate Increase)	Case No. WR-2007-0216, et al.
for Water Service Provided in Missouri)	
Service Areas	

ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING REPLY BRIEFS AND PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Issue Date: September 12, 2007 Effective Date: September 12, 2007

On August 23, 2007,¹ the Commission issued an order delineating specific dates for the post-hearing briefing schedule and for the filing of proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law. On September 6, Missouri American Water Company ("MAWC") sought clarification on the deadline for filing the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law. The commission issued an order clarifying the deadline in question was on September 13, the same date for the filing of reply briefs.

On September 10, MAWC filed a motion to extend the deadline for filing reply briefs and proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law. MAWC points out that the signatory parties to the Non-Unanimous Stipulation and Agreement were able to avail themselves of the opportunity to file a joint brief and there could be additional benefit if the signatory parties to the Agreement could jointly file a reply brief and proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law. MAWC requests that the deadline for these filings be extended until September 17 to allow the joint signatories sufficient time to explore this possibility.

¹ All dates throughout this order refer to the year 2007 unless otherwise noted.

The Commission observes that it has already set a deadline for its Staff to file certain financial documents in this case for September 17. Granting MAWC's request would not prejudice any party, nor would it delay these proceedings since Staff currently has a deadline of September 17 for the filing of additional financial data.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- 1. MAWC's motion for an extension of time for filing reply briefs and proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law is granted.
- 2. The deadline for filing reply briefs and proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law shall be extended until September 17, 2007.
 - 3. This order shall become effective on September 12, 2007.

BY THE COMMISSION

Colleen M. Dale Secretary

(SEAL)

Harold Stearley, Regulatory Law Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri, on this 12th day of September, 2007.