

**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	)	<b><u>Case No. WR-2008-0311</u></b>
Increase for Water and Sewer Service Provided in	)	
Missouri Service Areas	)	

**ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO WITHDRAW**

Issue Date August 6, 2008

Effective Date: August 6, 2008

On July 25, 2008, counsel for the City of Joplin filed a Withdrawal of Counsel. Joplin requests that Jane A. Smith be allowed to withdraw. In its pleading, the City points out that all other attorneys of record within the law firm of Blitz, Bardgett & Deutsch, L.C. will continue to represent the City in this matter.

Commission rule 4 CSR 240-2.080.15 requires that responsive pleadings be made within 10 days. No party has responded to the City's request. Because the request is unopposed and the City will continue to be represented, the Commission will grant the requested relief.

**IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Jane A. Smith is allowed to withdraw as counsel for the City of Joplin.

2. This order shall become effective on August 6, 2008.

**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colleen M. Dale', written over a horizontal line.

Colleen M. Dale  
Secretary

( S E A L )

Kennard L. Jones, Senior Regulatory  
Law Judge, by delegation of authority  
pursuant to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,  
on this 6th day of August, 2008.