

**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 Increase	)	<u>Case No. WR-2007-0216</u>
for Water Service Provided in Missouri	)	
Service Areas	)	

PUBLIC COUNSEL'S MOTION TO LATE FILE PREHEARING BRIEF

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel and for its Motion to Late File Prehearing Brief states as follows:

1. The filing deadline for Prehearing Briefs established by the Commission by order issued on July 30, 2007 was August 2, 2007.
2. Due to the press of other business, including the Ameren – Taum Sauk hearings and settlement talks in the above stated case, the undersigned attorney was not able to complete and file the brief by midnight on August 2, 2007.
3. Public Counsel suggests that neither the Commission nor any party will be prejudiced by Public Counsel's slight delay in filing its Prehearing Brief.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully requests that the Commission accept Public Counsel's Prehearing Brief out of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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