

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

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S REQUEST
FOR LOCAL PUBLIC HEARINGS**

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) on its own behalf and on behalf of the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission, Public Water Supply District Nos. 1 and 2 of Andrew County, Public Water Supply District No. 1 of DeKalb County, Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District, the City of Joplin, Missouri, the City of Riverside, Missouri, the Missouri Gaming Company, and the Utility Workers Union of America Local 335, AFL-CIO, and for its Request for Local Public Hearings states as follows:

1. On March 31, 2008, Missouri American Water Company (MAWC) submitted tariffs to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) for the purpose of implementing a general rate increase for water and sewer service provided in the company's Missouri service areas.
2. On April 4, 2008, in its Suspension Order and Notice, Order Setting Hearings, Order Directing Filing, and Order Consolidating Cases, the Commission ordered the parties to file recommendations as to the dates and locations for local public hearings no later than May 18, 2008.

3. The above stated parties recommend the following locations for local public hearings in this case:

- Mexico
- Jefferson City
- Warrensburg
- Warrenton
- City of Riverside/City of Parkville area
- St. Joseph
- Joplin
- St. Louis County (2 locations – one North and one South)
- St. Charles

4. The above stated parties recommend the local public hearings be scheduled within the three week timeframe beginning September 8, 2008 and ending September 26, 2008.

5. The above stated parties also recommend that if local public hearings are scheduled for the week of September 8-12, 2008, those hearings be held in Mexico, Jefferson City, Warrensburg or Warrenton, in order to make it easier for parties to travel from the prehearing conference, also proposed for that week, to the local public hearing.

6. Public Counsel states that the remaining parties, MAWC, AG Processing, Inc., the City of Jefferson City, Missouri, the City of Parkville, Missouri, the City of Lake Waukomis, Missouri, Park University, the Missouri Industrial Energy Consumers, and the Missouri Energy Group, could not be reached at the time of filing, but Public Counsel does not believe any of these parties would object to this recommendation.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully requests that the Commission schedule local public hearings as recommended above.

Respectfully submitted,

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