BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

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In the Matter of Missouri-American Water Company's Request for Authority to Implement a General Rate Increase for Water and Sewer Service Provided in Missouri Service Areas.

Case No. WR-2008-0311

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC COUNSEL'S REQUEST TO POSTPONE ACTION ON STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN MAWC AND MSD

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and for its Request to Postpone Action on Stipulation and Agreement between MAWC and MSD states as follows:

1. On September 17, 2008, Missouri-American Water Company (MAWC) and Metropolitan

St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) filed an agreement whereby MAWC and MSD agree that MAWC will provide water usage meter reading data and customer billing information and related services to MSD and, in return, MSD will pay MAWC \$29,166 per month (\$350,000 annually) for such information and services. As a result, the currently effective revised tariff sheet number RT 16.0 shall remain in effect and not be changed as a result of this case. No revenue shall be imputed to the Company in the process of setting just and reasonable rates in this case as a result of this issue.

2. MAWC and MSD requested an Order from the Commission approving all of the specific terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Agreement.

3. Public Counsel requests that the Commission postpone action on the Stipulation and Agreement between MAWC and MSD at this time, and take up this issue in the Commission's final Report & Order on rate design in this case.

4. MAWC previously proposed that a true-up audit and hearing be conducted for certain specified items of revenue, expense and investment through September 30, 2008. A true-up hearing has been scheduled for December 8-9, 2008.

5. This postponement will allow Public Counsel and the other parties time to determine the effect this Stipulation and Agreement will have, based upon completion of true-up in this case.

6. This postponement will also provide the Commission with information relevant in its deliberation on just and reasonable rates for all customer classes.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully requests that the Commission postpone action on the Stipulation and Agreement between MAWC and MSD at this time, and take up this issue in the Commission's final Report & Order on rate design in this case.

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