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)	Case No. WR-2007-0216
for Water Service Provided in Missouri)	
Service Areas)	

PUBLIC COUNSEL'S REQUEST TO EXTEND DATE FOR REBUTTAL TESTIMONY

COMES NOW the Office of the Public Counsel (Public Counsel) and for its Request to Extend Date for Rebuttal Testimony states as follows:

- 1. On December 15, 2006, Missouri-American Water Company (Missouri-American) filed tariffs with the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission) for the purpose of implementing general rate increases for water and sewer service provided by the Company.
- 2. On February 22, 2007, the Commission issued its Order Adopting Procedural Schedule and Approving Motion to Modify Suspension Order and Notice.
- 3. Direct testimony on revenue requirement was filed on June 5, 2007 and direct testimony on rate design was filed on June 12, 2007.
- 4. Rebuttal testimony is due on July 10, 2007.
- 5. Pursuant to the Commission's February 22, 2007 Order, the Parties to this case participated in a settlement conference from June 18-22, 2007. Following the settlement conference, the parties have earnestly continued settlement discussions and have made progress on some issues.

- 6. The non-company Parties continue to concentrate on settlement discussions and to
- this end have scheduled a conference call for July 10, 2007 to continue these discussions.
- 7. It is likely that the Parties will settle some of the issues, narrowing the scope of rebuttal testimony, and it is possible that a global settlement on all issues may be reached.
- 8. So that Public Counsel may concentrate on settlement discussions with the other Parties during the week of July 9-13, 2007, Public Counsel requests an extension of time until July 16, 2007 to file Rebuttal testimony.
- 9. Public Counsel believes that no one will be prejudiced by this request.
- 10. Public Counsel understands that the Staff of the Public Service Commission (Staff) opposes an extension of time, however Public Counsel has spoken to many other non-company Parties who state they do not oppose an extension of time.
- 11. If the Commission grants Public Counsel's request, the hearing dates will not change.

WHEREFORE, Public Counsel respectfully requests the Commission to extend the filing date for Rebuttal testimony until July 16, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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