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) Water and Sewer Services Provided in) Missouri Service Areas.)

Case No. WR-2010-0131

STAFF SYNOPSIS OF RATE AND MISCELLANEOUS FEES CHANGES STAFF EXHIBIT NO. 227

COMES NOW the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission (Staff), by and through the undersigned counsel, and for its *Synopsis* respectfully states the following to the Missouri Public Service Commission (Commission):

1. On May 24, 2010, the parties to this case filed, or did not oppose the filing of, a *Stipulation And Agreement (Stipulation)* that resolved all issues previously identified between the parties in the above-mentioned case.

2. On June 2, 2010, the Commission convened its weekly agenda, during which the above-mentioned case in general, and the *Stipulation* were discussed. In particular, the Commission requested additional information concerning rate and miscellaneous fees changes. The Commission's *Order Admitting Evidence And Directing Filing Of Synopsis* of the same date directed the Staff to file the information in the format prescribed by the order no later than June 11, 2010.

3. The Appendix attached hereto contains several attachments. The citations to the supporting evidence in the record for Attachments A. B, and C are identical and referenced at the bottom of the chart in Attachment A.

4. Attachment A sets forth rate comparisons for a residential customer in each district with an average usage and a 5/8" meter. Additionally, the highest rate supported by the

record for this type of customer in each district is highlighted in yellow. The lowest rate supported by the record for this type of customer in each district is highlighted in purple.

5. Attachment B sets forth the percentage changes per district per customer charge and commodity charges as filed by the Company, the Staff, and contained within Appendix A of the *Stipulation*.

6. Attachment C contains a chart the Commission may deem helpful in visualizing the range of rate and percentage changes supported by the record for both district and residential changes.

7. Attachment D relates to miscellaneous fees and sets forth each current tariff miscellaneous fee per district, the fee proposed by the Company based on its cost study, the stipulated amount for each fee and the percentage change from the current fee. The fees proposed by the Company can be found within the Company's pre-marked Exhibits 127, 128, and 129, and EFIS Item Nos. 268, 269, and 270.

WHEREFORE, the Staff submits this *Synopsis* for the Commission's information and consideration, admission into the record as Staff Exhibit No. 227, and prays for the Commission to issue an order adopting the *Stipulation And Agreement* filed on May 24, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, transmitted by facsimile or electronically mailed to all counsel/parties of record this 11th day of June 2010.

<u>/s/ Jennifer Hernandez</u>