Exhibit No.:

Issues:

Rent, Transportation, PSC Assess,

Franchise Tax, Depreciation, and

Postage Expense.

Witness:

Peter J. Thakadiyil

Exhibit Type:

Direct

Sponsoring Party: Missouri-American Water Company

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MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE NO. WR-2007-XXXX **SR-2007-XXXX**

DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

PETER J. THAKADIYIL

ON BEHALF OF

MISSOURI-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

IN THE MATTER OF MISSOURI-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY FOR AUTHORITY TO FILE TARIFFS REFLECTING INCREASED RATES FOR WATER AND SEWER **SERVICE**

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AFFIDAVIT OF PETER J. THAKADIYIL

Peter J. Thakadiyil, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the witness who sponsors the accompanying testimony entitled "Direct Testimony of Peter J. Thakadiyil"; that said testimony and schedules were prepared by him and/or under his direction and supervision; that if inquires were made as to the facts in said testimony and schedules, he would respond as therein set forth; and that the aforesaid testimony and schedules are true and correct to the best of his knowledge.

State of Missouri County of St. Louis SUBSCRIBED and sworn to

Before me this 8th day of

Notary Public

My commission expires:

Staci A. Oisen **Notary Public - Notary Seat** State of Missouri **St. Charles County** Commission # 05519210

My Commission Expires: March 20, 2009

DIRECT TESTIMONY PETER J. THAKADIYIL MISSOURI-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY CASE NO. WR.2007.XXXX SR.2007.XXX

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DIRECT TESTIMONY

PETER J. THAKADIYIL

WITNESS INTRODUCTION

1	Q.	PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.
2	A.	My name is Peter J. Thakadiyil, and my business address is 727 Craig Road,
3		St. Louis, Missouri 63141.
4	Q.	BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?
5	A.	I am employed by American Water Works Service Company ("Service
6		Company") as a Financial Analyst in Rates & Regulation. The Service
7		Company is a subsidiary of American Water Works Company, Inc.
8		("American") that provides shared services to American's water utility
9		subsidiaries.
10	Q.	WHAT IS YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND?
11	A.	I graduated from the University of Missouri - Columbia, College of Business
12		with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a major in
13		Finance in 2005.
14	Q.	PLEASE ELABORATE UPON YOUR DUTIES AS A FINANCIAL ANALYST,
15		RATES AND REGULATION.
16	A.	My responsibilities as a Financial Analyst, Rates & Regulation involve
17		providing the following services to American's water utility subsidiaries in the
18		Central Region, including Missouri-American Water Company, Inc. ("Missouri-
19		American" or "Company"):

1 1) Preparing and presenting rate increase applications and supporting
2 documents and exhibits as prescribed by management policies, guidelines
3 and regulatory commission requirements;

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- Preparing rate analyses and studies to evaluate the effect of proposed rates on the revenues, rate of return and tariff structures;
- Executing the implementation of rate orders, including development of
 the revised tariff pricing necessary to produce the proposed revenue level;
- 4) Assisting with the preparation of revenue and capital requirements budgets and analyses;
 - 5) Providing support for financial analysis of proposed acquisitions and expansion of service territory, including preparation of applicable regulatory commission filings.

13 Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY PARTICIPATED IN REGULATORY MATTERS?

14 **A.** Yes. I have assisted with the preparation of a rate case before the Public
15 Utility Commission of Ohio and a Distribution System Improvement Charge
16 infrastructure filing before the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission. In
17 addition, I have participated in regulatory matters in Missouri and Illinois.

Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS PROCEEDING?

The purpose of my testimony is to support and explain the pro forma accounting adjustments to the operating statement, which affect lease, transportation, PSC Assessment, franchise tax, depreciation, and postage expenses.

1 **ACCOUNTING ADJUSTMENTS** WHAT SCHEDULE WILL YOU BE DISCUSSING? 2 Q. I will be discussing certain aspects of Schedule CAS-15, which is 3 Α. 4 sponsored by Company Witness Petry. 5 LEASE EXPENSE 6 PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ADJUSTMENT TO OPERATING EXPENSES 7 Q. **RELATED TO LEASES.** 8 The Company pays rental on railroad crossings, rights of way, and various 9 A. office and plant equipment. The pro forma adjustment is to annualize lease 10 expenses expected to be in effect by May 31, 2007. Office rentals increased 11 by \$9,929. Equipment leases decreased \$83,549, primarily due to leases 12 13 being bought out. TRANSPORTATION EXPENSE 14 15 Q.

- 15 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ADJUSTMENT TO OPERATING EXPENSES
 16 RELATED TO TRANSPORTATION.
- The Company has calculated its pro forma Transportation expense based on changes in leased vehicle levels expected to occur by May 31, 2007. For vehicles not yet ordered, costs were based on recently ordered vehicles of the same type. Corporate vehicles were allocated to each district.

1		PSC ASSESSMENT EXPENSE
2	Q.	PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ADJUSTMENT TO OPERATING EXPENSES
3		RELATED TO PSC ASSESSMENT.
4	A.	The purpose of this adjustment is to annualize the PSC assessment. The pro
5		forma amount is based on the latest known assessment rate applied to the
6		pro forma present rate water revenues.
7		FRANCHISE TAX EXPENSE
8	Q.	PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ADJUSTMENT TO OPERATING EXPENSES
9		RELATED TO FRANCHISE TAX.
10	A.	The calculation is based on the product of the pro forma level of total assets
11		and the current tax rate.
12		DEPRECIATION EXPENSE
13	Q.	PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ADJUSTMENT TO OPERATING EXPENSES
14		RELATED TO DEPRECIATION.

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The calculation is based on a true-up of Utility Plant In Service (UPIS) through Α. May 31, 2007. The depreciation rates for the Brunswick, Joplin, Mexico, Parkville, St. Charles, St. Joseph, Warrensburg, St. Louis, and Jefferson City districts are based on a study performed by Witness Spanos, a consultant with Gannett Flemming. An adjustment to these rates has been made by the Company and is described in the Direct Testimony of Edward Grubb.

1		Depreciation rates for Cedar Hill Sewer, Parkville Sewer, Warren County
2		Water, and Warren County Sewer Districts were used from previous orders.
3		POSTAGE EXPENSE
4	Q.	PLEASE DESCRIBE THE ADJUSTMENT TO OPERATING EXPENSES
5		RELATED TO POSTAGE EXPENSE.
6	A.	The Pro Forma adjustment for Postage Expense was calculated by applying
7		2007 anticipated postal rates from the latest rate filing by the United States
8		Postal Service to the number of test year mailings.
9	Q.	DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?
10	A.	Yes.