

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri-American)
Water Company's Request for)
Authority to Implement General Rate) **File No. WR-2020-0344**
Increase for Water and Sewer Service)
Provided in Missouri Service Areas)

In the Matter of Missouri-American)
Water Company's Request for)
Authority to Implement General Rate) **File No. SR-2020-0345**
Increase for Water and Sewer Service)
Provided in Missouri Service Areas)

ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE, CONSOLIDATING CASES, ESTABLISHING DEADLINES, AND SETTING PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

Issue Date: July 2, 2020

Effective Date: July 2, 2020

On June 30, 2020, Missouri-American Water Company (Missouri-American) filed tariff sheets designed to implement a general rate increase of approximately 21.1% annually for water and sewer services. Missouri-American states that the submitted water rates implement a move to consolidated pricing. The tariff sheets bear a July 30, 2020 effective date. The Commission will address tariff suspension in a separate order.

Missouri-American also filed a separate *Motion to Consolidate* requesting the water case (File No. WR-2020-0344) and sewer case (File No. SR-2020-0345) be consolidated into one matter. Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.110(3) permits the consolidation of pending actions that involve related questions of law or fact. Since the cases will involve common facts, parties and issues, the Commission will grant the *Motion to Consolidate*.

Through a separate motion, Missouri-American also seeks Commission authority to establish the use of a future test year instead of the historical test year traditionally applied during a general rate case. Missouri-American proposes using a future test period that covers the first year that new rates are expected to be in effect – the 12 months ending May 31, 2022. The Commission will set a deadline for the filing of responses to Missouri-American's *Motion to Establish Future Test Year*.

The Commission will also set a deadline for the filing of applications to intervene in this case and set an early prehearing conference to discuss the procedural schedule. The Commission will also direct notice be provided of this order.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Missouri-American's *Motion to Consolidate* is granted. File Nos. WR-2020-0344 and SR-2020-0345 are hereby consolidated, with File No. WR-2020-0344 being the lead case.
2. The Commission's Data Center shall provide notice of this order to all parties in Missouri-American's most recent general rate case, File No. WR-2017-0285.
3. The Commission's Data Center shall provide a copy of this order to the county commission of each county in Missouri-American's service area.
4. The Commission's Public Policy and Outreach Department shall make notice of this order available to the members of the Missouri General Assembly representing the residents of the service area for Missouri-American and to the news media serving the residents of the service territory of Missouri-American.
5. Any entity, group, or person wishing to intervene shall file an application to intervene no later than July 22, 2020.

6. Responses to Missouri-American's *Motion to Establish Future Test Year* shall be filed no later than July 27, 2020.

7. A prehearing conference shall be held on August 3, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the prehearing conference will be conducted by video and telephone conference. The access numbers will be forwarded to the parties and entities requesting intervention by the Regulatory Law Judge. Anyone needing additional accommodations to participate shall call the Public Service Commission's Hotline at 1.800.392.42111 (voice) or Relay Missouri at 711 before the conference.

8. Any requests for intervention not already granted may be ruled upon at the prehearing conference.

9. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff".

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Nancy Dippell, Senior Regulatory Law Judge
by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2016.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 2nd day of July, 2020.

STATE OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

I have compared the preceding copy with the original on file in this office and I do hereby certify the same to be a true copy therefrom and the whole thereof.

WITNESS my hand and seal of the Public Service Commission, at Jefferson City, Missouri, this 3rd day of July 2020.




Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

July 3, 2020

File/Case No. WR-2020-0344 and SR-2020-0345

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Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).

Sincerely,



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