

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water )  
Company's Request for Authority to ) **Case No. WR-2026-0304**  
Implement a General Rate Increase for ) Tracking No. JW-2027-0001  
Water Service Provided in Missouri Service )  
Areas )

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water )  
Company's Request for Authority to ) **Case No. SR-2026-0305**  
Implement a General Rate Increase for ) Tracking No. JS-2027-0002  
Sewer Service Provided in Missouri Service )  
Areas )

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE OF CONTESTED CASE, ESTABLISHING AN  
INTERVENTION DEADLINE, DIRECTING A PROPOSED PROCEDURAL  
SCHEDULE, SUSPENDING TARIFF SHEETS, DELEGATING AUTHORITY,  
AND DIRECTING RESPONSES**

Issue Date: July 2, 2026

Effective Date: July 2, 2026

On July 1, 2026, Missouri-American Water Company (Missouri-American) filed tariff sheets designed to implement a general rate increase of approximately 31.2 percent annually for water and sewer services. Missouri-American’s requested rate change would produce \$191.9 million in additional annual revenues. The proposed tariff sheets bear a July 31, 2026, effective date.

The Commission will direct notice of a contested case, set a deadline for the filing of applications to intervene in this case, suspend Missouri-American’s tariff sheets, delegate authority to the Regulatory Law Judge, and direct responses to Missouri-American’s request to consolidate these cases and establish a future test year.

So, the Commission has sufficient time to determine if Missouri-American’s proposed tariff sheets are just and reasonable,<sup>1</sup> the Commission will suspend the tariff sheets for 120 days beyond their effective date. The Commission’s experience demonstrates that a full hearing cannot be concluded within 120 days, so the Commission will suspend the tariff sheets for an additional six months.<sup>2</sup>

Suspension of the proposed tariff sheets may occur only pending a “full” hearing and decision on the tariff’s propriety.<sup>3</sup> The provision for a full pre-decision hearing signifies that this action is now a “contested case.”<sup>4</sup> A contested case is a formal hearing procedure, but it allows for waiver of procedural formalities and a decision without a hearing,<sup>5</sup> including by stipulation and agreement.<sup>6</sup>

The Commission may delegate any adjudicative authority to the Regulatory Law Judge assigned to this case pursuant to Section 386.240 RSMo. To ensure that discovery disputes are ruled upon expeditiously, the Commission will delegate its authority to the Regulatory Law Judge assigned to this action to rule on discovery disputes and to rule on all motions to compel discovery.

The Commission will not schedule an early procedural conference unless the parties request one. The Commission will order the submission of a joint proposed procedural schedule that includes the following:

- Conclude the evidentiary hearing by April 1, 2027;

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1 Section 393.140(5) RSMo.

2 Section 393.150.2 RSMo.

3 Section 393.150.1 RSMo.

4 Section 536.010(4) RSMo.

5 Section 536.060 RSMo.

6 Commission Rule 20 CSR 4240-2.115.

- Submission of List of Issues and Order of Hearing Components, and submission of Position Statements due at least ten days in advance of the hearing;
- Cut-off dates for service of discovery requests and responses;
- Local public hearings; and
- An evidentiary hearing.

Accompanying Missouri-American's proposed tariff sheets and testimony were motions to consolidate the water and sewer cases and establish a test year. Missouri-American has requested a future test year. This is the first Missouri rate case where a future test year is legally authorized. Specifically, Missouri-American has requested that the future test year be the 12 months ending May 31, 2028. The Commission will direct parties to respond to Missouri-American's requested motions for consolidation and a future test year.

**THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:**

1. The Commission's Data Center shall provide notice of this order to all parties in Missouri-American's most recent general rate case, Case No. WR-2024-0320.
2. 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.
3. 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.

4. Any entity, group, or person wishing to intervene shall file an application no later than July 17, 2026.

5. The proposed tariff sheets, filed under Tracking Nos. JW-2027-0001 and JS-2027-0002 by Missouri-American, are suspended for 120 days from July 31, 2026, to November 28, 2026, plus six months thereafter, until May 28, 2027.

6. The Regulatory Law Judge assigned to this action shall have full authority to rule on any discovery dispute, including any motion to compel.

7. By July 21, 2026, the Staff of the Commission shall file a proposed joint procedural schedule with an evidentiary hearing ending no later than April 1, 2027.

8. Any responses to Missouri-American's proposed consolidation and future test year must be filed no later than July 21, 2026.

9. This order shall be effective when issued.



**BY THE COMMISSION**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Dippell".

Nancy Dippell  
Secretary

John T. Clark, 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, 2026.

**STATE OF MISSOURI**

**OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Pursuant to 386.290, RSMo., 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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 2026.



*Nancy Dippell*

Nancy Dippell  
Secretary

# MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

July 2, 2026

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**Enclosed find a certified copy of an Order or Notice issued in the above-referenced matter(s).<sup>1</sup>**

Sincerely,



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