

**STATE OF MISSOURI
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

At a session of the Public Service Commission held at its office in Jefferson City on the 29th day of June, 2016.

In the Matter of Missouri-American)
Water Company's Request for Authority to)
Implement A General Rate Increase for)
Water and Sewer Service Provided in its)
Missouri Service Area.)

File No. WR-2015-0301

ORDER REGARDING COMPLIANCE TARIFF SHEETS

Issue Date: June 29, 2016

Effective Date: June 29, 2016

On May 26, 2016, the Commission issued a report and order that rejected Missouri-American Water Company's tariffs to increase the company's annual revenues from its provision of water and sewer service. However, the Commission authorized Missouri-American to file tariffs sufficient to recover revenues as determined in that report and order. Missouri-American filed its water compliance tariffs on June 20 and its sewer compliance tariffs on June 22.

Missouri-American's water compliance tariffs carry a 30-day effective date that would put those tariffs in effect on July 20. Its sewer compliance tariffs carry a 30-day effective date that would put those tariffs in effect on July 22. Missouri-American filed a motion along with its tariffs asking the Commission to expedite its consideration of the compliance tariffs and to approve those tariff to go into effect on June 28, which is the date to which the Commission suspended Missouri-American's initial rate increase tariff. In the alternative,

Missouri-American asks the Commission to approve its tariffs to go into effect as soon as practicable.

Upon receiving Missouri-American's motions for expedited approval of its tariffs, the Commission issued an order directing its Staff to file a recommendation regarding Missouri-American's tariff by June 27. That order also directed any other party wishing to file a recommendation regarding Missouri-American's tariffs do so no later than June 27.

On June 27, the Commission's Staff filed its recommendation regarding Missouri-American's compliance tariffs and motion for expedited treatment. Staff concludes the tariffs comply with the Commission's report and order, and recommends the Commission approve the compliance tariffs.

On June 24, Public Counsel filed a pleading opposing Missouri-American's request for expedited approval of its compliance tariffs. Public Counsel contends the shortened time for approval would deny it a reasonable opportunity to review the compliance tariffs to determine whether those tariffs do in fact comply with the Commission's report and order. Missouri-American replied to Public Counsel's pleading on June 28.

This is a complex case, and the process of filing compliance tariffs has consumed a great deal of time. The Commission issued its report and order in this case on May 26, 2016. At the request of Missouri-American and Staff, the Commission clarified several aspects of that report and order in an order issued on June 8. Still, Missouri-American was unable to prepare and file its compliance tariffs until nearly four weeks after the report and order was issued. Even then, Missouri-American filed multiple revised tariff sheets between the time it filed its compliance tariffs and the filing of Staff's recommendation to approve those tariffs. Considering these particular circumstances, the Commission

concludes that Public Counsel and the other parties should be allowed additional time to review and comment upon Missouri-American's compliance tariffs before the Commission decides whether those tariffs should be allowed to go into effect.

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. Any response to Missouri-American Water Company's water or sewer compliance tariffs, or to Staff's recommendations regarding those tariffs, shall be filed no later than July 7, 2016.
2. This order shall be effective when issued.



BY THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Morris L. Woodruff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Morris L. Woodruff
Secretary

Hall, Chm., Stoll, Kenney, Rupp, and
Coleman, CC., concur.

Woodruff, Chief Regulatory Law Judge