

Proposed Water Rate Change Mexico



Missouri American Water has filed a rate change request with the Missouri Public Service Commission (PSC). As part of the rate filing, the company is requesting to eliminate district specific rates and implement uniform rates. Under uniform rates, all customers in the same rate class pay the same rate for the same service – a common practice among electric and natural gas utilities.

If the Public Service Commission approves Missouri American Water's full rate request, the typical Mexico residential water bill will *decrease* by approximately \$2.01 per month. Under district specific rates, the proposed rate *increase* would be about \$10.42 per month.

Under uniform rates, customers will still be receiving a gallon of water delivered to their homes for less than a penny per gallon.

Water Facts

- **Investing in Infrastructure.** From May 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011, Missouri American Water invested approximately \$1.3 million in improvements to Mexico's water system, including:
 - Upgrading water mains on Holt and Trinity Streets to improve water service reliability in these areas.
 - Improvements in pumps, filters and control systems at the water treatment plant to help maintain water quality and service reliability.
 - Replacing fire hydrants, service lines and water meters across the system.
- **Rate Case Process.** The proposed change would reflect an overall 17 percent *decrease* under uniform statewide rates or an overall *increase* of 28 percent under district specific rates. Rates will not change until the PSC completes a comprehensive audit of the request. The process normally takes about 11 months – a process that includes public hearings and opportunities for customers to comment by mail or online.