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Chairman Mary W. Freeman c/o Sharla Dillon Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243

> Re: Docket No. 10-00189: Petition Of Tennessee American Water Company To Change And Increase Certain Rates And Charges So As To Permit It To Earn A Fair And Adequate Rate Of Return On Its Property Used And Useful In Furnishing Water Service To Its Customers

#### Dear Chairman Freeman:

Enclosed please find an original and five (5) sets of copies of Tennessee American Water Company's December 17th Supplemental Responses to the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division's Discovery Requests.

A compact disk has been provided for each set which contains copies of the responses and attachments in their native file formats. In addition, we are including a disk marked "Docket Manager Disk," which contains the entire filing in PDF format.

Please file the original and four copies of these Responses and stamp the additional copy as "filed." Then please return the stamped copy to me by way of our courier.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at the email address or telephone number listed above.

Sincerely,

David Killion

**Enclosures** 

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# TENNESSEE AMERICAN WATER COMPANY DOCKET NO. 10-00189 FIRST DISCOVERY REQUEST OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE AND PROTECTION DIVISION

## PART II: QUESTIONS & REQUESTS REGARDING COST OF CAPITAL & MISCELLANEOUS

## **Question:**

9. Provide the historical risk premium of common stocks (S&P 500) over one-year, five-year, ten-year, and twenty-year Treasury Bonds or Bills as reported in Morningstar's *Stocks, Bonds, Bills, and Inflation, 2010 Valuation Yearbook* referenced by Dr. Vander Weide in his Direct Testimony of pages 36, 38, and 39.

## **Response:**

Dr. Vander Weide does not reference the historical risk premium of common stocks (S&P 500) over one-year, five-year, or ten-year Treasury bonds or bills in his testimony. The historical risk premium of common stocks over 20-year Treasury bonds as reported in 2010 Ibbotson<sup>®</sup> SBBI<sup>®</sup> Stocks, Bonds, Bills, and Inflation<sup>®</sup> Valuation Yearbook is 6.7 percent, as Dr. Vander Weide states on pp. 38 – 39.

## **December 17, 2010 Supplemental Response:**

The information requested does not appear in the format requested in 2010 Ibbotson® SBBI® Stocks, Bonds, Bills, and Inflation® Valuation Yearbook. ("SBBI") Attached as TN-CAPD-01-PART III-Q09-SUPPLEMENTAL ATTACHMENT is page 23 from SBBI, which contains the historical risk premium of common stocks over 20-year Treasury bonds upon which Dr. Vander Weide relied. The title "Government Bonds" refers to 20-year Treasury bonds and the title "Large Company Stocks" refers to the S&P 500.

**Table 2-1**: Total Returns, Income Returns, and Capital Appreciation of the Basic Asset Classes: Summary Statistics of Annual Returns

	Geometric	Arithmetic	Standard	Serial
	Mean	Mean	Deviation	Correl-
Series	(%)	(%)	(%)	ation
Large Company Stocks			20.1	0.02
Total Beturns	9.8	11.8	20.5	0.02
Income	4.1	4.1	1.6	0.90
Capital Appreciation	5.5	7.4	19.8	0.01
Ibbotson Small Compan	Tarakan kabupatèn K			0.00
Total Returns	11.9	16.6	32.8	0.06
Mid-Cap Stocks*				
Total Returns	10.9	13.7	25.0	-0.04
Income	3.9	4.0	1.7	0.90
Capital Appreciation	6.7	9.5	24.3	-0.05
Low-Cap Stocks*				
Total Returns	11.3	15.2	29.4	0.02
Income	3.6	3.6	2.0	0.89
Capital Appreciation	7.5	11.4	28.7	0.01
Micro-Cap Stocks*				
Total Returns	12.1	18.2	39.2	0.07
Income	2.5	2.5	1.7	0.91
Capital Appreciation	9.5	15.6	38.6	0.06
Long-Term Corporate Bo	onds			
Total Returns	5.9	6.2	8.3	0.08
Long-Term Government	Bonds			
Total Returns	5.4	5.8	9.6	-0.12
Income	5.1	5.2	2.7	0.96
Capital Appreciation	0.1	0.4	8.4	-0.26
Intermediate-Term Gove	ernment Bon	ds		
Total Returns	5.3	5.5	5.7	0.13
Income	4.7	4.7	2.9	0.96
Capital Appreciation	0.5	0.6	4.5	-0.18
Treasury Bills				
Total Returns	3.7	3.7	3.1	0.91
Inflation	3.0	3.1	4.2	0.64

Data from 1926–2009. Total return is equal to the sum of three component returns: income return, capital appreciation return, and reinvestment return.

<sup>\*</sup>Source: Morningstar and CRSP. Calculated (or Derived) based on data from CRSP. US Stock Database and CRSP US Indices Database ©2010 Center for Research in Security Prices (CRSP®), The University of Chicago Booth School of Business. Used with permission.

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## PART II: QUESTIONS & REQUESTS REGARDING COST OF CAPITAL & MISCELLANEOUS

## **Question:**

10. Provide a copy of and a citation for the source document for Dr. Vander Weide's I/B/E/S growth rates.

### **Response:**

The I/B/E/S growth rates used in Dr. Vander Weide's studies and shown in his schedules are downloaded electronically directly from Thomson Reuters. There is no source document.

## December 17, 2010 Supplemental Response:

The I/B/E/S growth rates used in Dr. Vander Weide's studies are shown in Schedule 1-1 to his testimony and are downloaded electronically directly from Thomson Reuters. The information from Thomson Reuters upon which Dr. Vander Weide relied is included on the enclosed CD in the Excel file labeled TN-CAPD-01-PART III-Q010-SUPPLEMENTAL ATTACHMENT.xls.

This file has been produced natively on the accompanying disk:

TN-CAPD-01-PART III-Q010-SUPPLEMENTAL ATTACHMENT.XLS

TENNESSEE AMERICAN WATER COMPANY DOCKET NO. 10-00189

FIRST DISCOVERY REQUEST OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE AND PROTECTION DIVISION

**Responsible Witness:** 

Michael A. Miller

**PART III: EXPENSES** 

**Question:** 

48. Provide documentation from Tower/Watson supporting the projected FAS 106 costs for

2011, as well as the minimum ERISA contribution to the Defined Benefit Pension Plan

for 2011. (Mr. Mike Miller, Direct Testimony, Page 55, Lines 15-16).

**Response:** 

Please refer to the attached document labeled as TN-CAPD-01-PART III-Q48-

CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT 1 which was supplied by Towers Watson actuaries

and used by the Company to determine the amount of FAS 106 (OPEB) expense and

ERISA minimum pension expense for the 2011 attrition year. Subsequent to the

Company's filing of the petition to increase rates in this proceeding the Company has

received from its actuaries Towers Watson revised FAS 106 and ERISA minimum

contribution amounts for 2010 and 2011. Please see the attached document labeled as

TN-CAPD-01-PART III-Q48-CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT 2. The attached table,

identified as TN-CAPD-01-PART III-Q48-ATTACHMENT 3 provides the latest, revised

2011 FAS 106 and ERISA pension costs compared to the Company amount requested in

its filing in this proceeding.

The above mentioned Confidential Documents are being submitted pursuant to the

Protective Order entered in this matter.

**December 17, 2010 Supplemental Response:** 

The Company's initial response contained a typographical error. The last sentence of the

first paragraph should read as follows:

The attached table, identified as TN-CAPD-01-PART III-Q48-CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT 3 provides the latest, revised 2011 FAS 106 and ERISA pension costs compared to the Company amount requested in its filing in this proceeding.

Attachment 3 contained a confidential designation and was produced with the Company's confidential attachments on November 19, 2010.

Attachment 3 also inadvertently included an incorrect amount for the TAWC cost per filing for the ERISA minimum pension contribution. Accordingly, please see the corrected schedule on the attachment identified as TN-CAPD-01-PART III-Q48-SUPPLEMENTAL CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT 3.

## BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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INCREASE CERTAIN RATES AND	)	
CHARGES SO AS TO PERMIT IT TO	)	<b>DOCKET NO. 10-00189</b>
EARN A FAIR AND ADEQUATE	)	
RATE OF RETURN ON ITS PROPERTY	)	
USED AND USEFUL IN FURNISHING	)	
WATER SERVICE TO ITS CUSTOMERS	)	

#### **AFFIDAVIT**

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA COUNTY OF KANAWHA

I, MICHAEL A. MILLER, Treasurer/Comptroller for Tennessee American Water Company, do hereby certify that the foregoing responses to the First Supplemental Response to the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division's Data Request #48 and Second Supplemental Responses to #9 and 10 were prepared by me or under my supervision and are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and information.

DATED this 17th day of December, 2010.

Michael A. Miller (printed name)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17% day of December, 2010.

My Commission Expires:

September 7, 2019

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served by way of the method(s) indicated, on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2010, upon the following:

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