# BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:	)	
PETITION FOR A GENERAL RATE INCREASE, IMPLEMENTATION OF A	)	Docket No. 12-00049
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGE AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRACKING	)	
MECHANISMS FOR PURCHASED POWER, PENSIONS AND CHEMICAL	) ) )	
EXPENSES	)	

# CITY OF CHATTANOOGA'S RESPONSES TO FIRST DISCOVERY REQUESTS OF PETITIONER TENNESSEE AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

The City of Chattanooga ("the City"), by and through counsel, hereby serves its Responses to the First Discovery Requests propounded by Tennessee-American Water Company ("TAWC").

#### **GENERAL OBJECTIONS**

- (1) The City objects to all requests that seek information protected by the attorneyclient privilege, the work product doctrine, and/or any other applicable privilege or restriction on disclosure.
- (2) The City objects to the definitions and instructions accompanying requests to the extent definitions and instructions contradict, are inconsistent with, or impose any obligations beyond those required by the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure or the rules, regulations, and orders of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority.
- (3) The City objects to the definition of "Documents" that accompanies the requests, because the definition is overbroad, unduly burdensome, and not authorized by the Rules of Civil Procedure.

- (4) The City is providing its objections herein without waiver of, or prejudice to, its right at any later time to raise objections to: (a) the competence, relevance, materiality, privilege, or admissibility of the response, or the subject matter thereof; and (b) the use of any response or subject matter thereof in any subsequent proceedings.
- (5) The City objects to each request to the extent that it is unreasonably cumulative or duplicative or seeks information obtainable from some other source that is more convenient, less burdensome, or less expensive.
- (6) The City objects to each request to the extent it seeks information outside the City's custody or control.
- (7) The City's specific objections to each request stated herein shall be in addition to the General Objections set forth in this section. These General Objections form a part of each discovery response, and they are set forth here to avoid the duplication and repetition of restating them for each discovery response. The absence of a reference to a General Objection in response to a particular request does not constitute a waiver of any General Objection with respect to that discovery request. All responses are made subject to and without waiver of the City's general and specific objections.

#### **DISCOVERY REQUEST NO. 1:**

To the extent not previously provided, please provide electronic copies (on CD) of all tables, charts, diagrams, schedules, and exhibits (collectively, "Exhibits") contained in the testimony of Michael P. Gorman for Chattanooga. Please include all workpapers, schedules, underlying computations and supporting documentation used and relied upon by Mr. Gorman in the preparation of his testimony, including the preparation of all Exhibits. Please provide all electronic spreadsheets with cell formulas, cell references, macros and VBA code intact.

#### **RESPONSE:**

See attached Excel format spreadsheets of previously provided PDF exhibits and workpapers.

The spreadsheets are being served electronically with a copy of these responses.

#### **DISCOVERY REQUEST NO. 2:**

To the extent not previously provided, please provide copies of all schedules and underlying computations and workpapers developed in the analysis by Chattanooga and/or its witness, Mr. Gorman, of TAWC's requested rate increase in electronic spreadsheet format with all formulas intact. This request includes, but is not limited to, the analyses of the revenue requirement components and computations, including all ratemaking adjustments to the historic and forecasted data, and the cost of service model.

#### **RESPONSE:**

See response to Discovery Request No. 1.

#### **DISCOVERY REQUEST NO. 3:**

Refer to Michael P. Gorman's testimony on page 6, lines 19 through 21, which states that "The net effect of recognizing these reductions to the ADIT balance is an increase in rate base. This is a concern since many of the regulatory assets she identifies appear to already be included in rate base." Please identify specifically where the reductions to the ADIT balance were already included as regulatory assets in rate base.

#### **RESPONSE:**

The increase in rate base caused by these reductions to the ADIT balance are not explained or justified in TAWC's testimony. As a result, the statement in the testimony is based on the item

descriptions provided in Petitioner's Exhibit RB-9-Deferred Taxes-LCB that could be identified with items already included elsewhere in TAWC's calculation of revenue requirement. Plant, which includes AFUDC, and CWIP are included in rate base as shown in Exhibit RB-1-Summary-LCB, and certain deferrals are included in working capital (Schedule RB-8.1 and Schedule RB-8.2).

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#### **AFFIDAVIT**

#### STATE OF MISSOURI COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, duly commissioned and qualified in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally came and appeared Michael P. Gorman, being by me first duly sworn, who deposed and said that:

The foregoing responses to the First Discovery Requests of Petitioner Tennessee American Water Company were prepared by me or under my supervision and are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and information.

DATED this 25th day of September, 2012.

Michael P. Gorman

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of September, 2012.

Notary Public

My commission expires: May 5, 2013.

MARIA E. DECKER
Notary Public - Notary Seal
STATE OF MISSOURI
St. Louis City
My Commission Expires: May 5, 2013
Commission # 09706793

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I do hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing pleading was emailed and was served upon the following person(s) via  $\square$  hand delivery or  $\boxtimes$  United States first class mail with proper postage applied thereon to ensure prompt delivery:

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This 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

By

#### Adjusted 13-Month Average Attrition Year Rate Base

Line	Description	As Filed Attrition Year 13 Mo Avg Nov. 12 - Nov. 13		Rate Base 3 Adjustments		-	Adjusted attrition Year 13 Mo Avg v. 12 - Nov. 13	Reference		
			(1)		(2)		(3)			
	Utility Plant		• •		• •		• •			
1	Utility Plant in Service	\$	250,455,533	\$	(5,507,459)	\$	244,948,074	Exhibit MPG-2, Page 1.		
2	Construction Work in Progress		3,581,671		(1,706,675)		1,874,996	Exhibit RB-3-CWIP-LCB, Page 10		
3	Utility Plant Capital Lease		1,590,500		-		1,590,500			
4	Deferred Maintenance		-		-		-			
5	Limited Term Utility Plant		•	_	-	_	·			
6	Total Utility Plant	\$	255,627,704	\$	(7,214,134)	\$	248,413,570	Sum of Lines 1-5		
7	Accumulated Provision for Depreciation UPIS	\$	81.011.226	\$		\$	81.011.226			
8	Accumulated Amortization of Utility Plant Capital Lease	•	1,576,226	•	-	•	1,576,226			
9	Total Accumulated Depreciation:	\$	82,587,452	\$	•	\$	82,587,452			
10	Net Utility Plant:	\$	173,040,252	\$	(7,214,134)	\$	165,826,118	Ln 6 - Ln 9		
11	Working Capital	\$	3,188,192	\$	-	\$	3,188,192			
12	Total Additions	\$	3,188,192	\$	-	\$	3,188,192			
13	Deferred Income Taxes	\$	23.407.464	\$	8,580,818	\$	31,988,282	Exhibit MPG-1, Page 2.		
14	RWIP		-		· · · ·		• •	. •		
15	Customer Advances for Construction		4,473,724		700,000		5,173,724	Exhibit RB-10 Customer Advances - LCB		
16	Contributions in Aid of Construction		12,466,115		-		12,466,115			
17	Unamortized Investment Tax Credit		20,965		•		20,965			
18	Utility Plant Acquisition Adjustment		39,920		-		39,920			
19	Total Deductions:	\$	40,408,188	\$	9,280,818	\$	49,689,006	Sum of Lines 13-18		
20	Rate Base	\$	135,820,256	\$	(16,494,952)	\$	119,325,304	Ln 10 + Ln 12 - Ln 19		

### **Deferred Income Tax Adjustment**

<u>Line</u>	<b>Description</b>	<u>Amount</u>	Reference
1	Deferred Income Taxes Regulatory Assets	\$ 7,620,777	Exhibit RB-9 Deferred Taxes - LCB
2	Regulatory Liabilities	(175,869)	Exhibit RB-9 Deferred Taxes - LCB
3	Uncertain Tax Positions (FIN 48)	 1,135,910	TAWC 12/31/11 Financial Report, Page F-33
4	Total Adjustment	\$ 8,580,818	

### **Adjusted Business Transformation Costs**

<u>Line</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Total</u> (1)		Adjustment (2)			Adjusted <u>Total</u> (3)	
	Labor							
1	Internal - Business	\$	50,217,502	\$	(50,217,502)	\$	_	
2	Internal - ITS		21,942,489		(21,942,489)	·	-	
3	External - Support		110,076,964		-		110,076,964	
4	External - Other	_	7,572,960			_	7,572,960	
5	Labor Subtotal	\$	189,809,915	\$	(72,159,991)	\$	117,649,924	
6	Employee Expenses		18,997,741		-		18,997,741	
7	Hardware		18,181,054		-		18,181,054	
8	Software		28,780,876		-		28,780,876	
9	Program Operations		3,996,660		-		3,996,660	
10	CPS		6,341,302		-		6,341,302	
11	Contingency		14,300,003		(14,300,003)			
12	BT Subtotal	\$	280,407,551	\$	(86,459,994)	\$	193,947,557	
	Other							
13	AFUDC - BT	\$	20,238,249	\$	(6,240,199)	\$	13,998,050	
14	Total BT	\$	300,645,800	\$	(92,700,193)	\$	207,945,607	
15	BT Controls/OI	\$	18,345,618	\$	-	\$	18,345,618	
16	BT Controls/OI AFUDC		1,289,735				1,289,735	
17	Total BT Controls/OI	\$	19,635,353	\$	-	\$	19,635,353	
18	Total	\$	320,281,153	\$	(92,700,193)	\$	227,580,960	
19	TN Allocation Factor		2.420%		2.420%		2.420%	
20	TN Allocated	\$	7,750,804	\$	(2,243,345)	\$	5,507,459	

Source:

Petitioner's Exhibit BT-1, Schedule BT-1.1, Page 1

### **Revenue Requirement Impact of BT Cost Adjustments**

<u>Line</u>	<u>Description</u>	Adjusted <u>Tennessee</u>		
		(1)	(2)	
1	TN Allocated BT Costs <sup>1</sup>	\$ 7,214,134	\$ 5,507,459	
2	Pre-Tax Rate of Return <sup>2</sup>	 11.83%		
3	Lease Return <sup>3</sup>		4.04%	
4	Return on TN Allocated BT Costs	\$ 853,789		
5	Annual Depreciation Expense <sup>4</sup>	 592,709		
6	Revenue Requirement - 1	\$ 1,446,498		
	Revenue Requirement - 2		\$ 680,242	
7	Revenue Requirement Impact		\$ (766,256)	

Sources:

Notes: TAWC proposed pre-tax rate of return is used for illustrative purposes only. I am not endorsing this recommended return.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Exhibit MPG-1, Page 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Exhibit CS-1-Capital Structure-GMV, Schedule CS-1.1, Page 1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> http://credittrends.moodys.com/.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Bridwell Direct at 18

### **Proposed Capital Structure & Rate of Return**

### 1. Proposed Capital Structure <sup>1</sup>

<u>Line</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount (000)</u> (1)	Weight (2)	<u>Cost</u> (3)	Weighted Cost (4)	Pre-Tax Weighted <u>Cost</u> (5)
1	Short-Term Debt	\$ 4,594,554	3.65%	1.42%	0.05%	0.05%
2	Long-Term Debt	64,574,762	51.35%	6.02%	3.09%	3.09%
3	Preferred Stock	-	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
4	Common Equity	56,587,945	45.00%	11.30%	5.08%	8.69%
5	Total	\$125,757,261	100.00%		8.23%	11.83%
6	Tax Conversion Factor <sup>2</sup>					1.709

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Petitioner's Exhibit CS-1-Capital Structure-GMV, Schedule CS-1.1, Page 1 <sup>2</sup> Petitioner's Exhibit FS-1-Summary Revenue Requirement-GMV, Schedule FS-1.3, Page 1

## **Historical Utility Bond Yields**

<u>Line</u>	<u>Date</u>	"A" Rated Utility <u>Bond Yield<sup>1</sup></u> (1)
1	08/17/12	4.14%
2	08/10/12	3.96%
3	08/03/12	3.97%
4	07/27/12	3.95%
5	07/20/12	3.87%
6	07/13/12	3.94%
7	07/06/12	4.02%
8	06/29/12	4.13%
9	06/22/12	4.13%
10	06/15/12	4.08%
11	06/08/12	4.16%
12	06/01/12	3.92%
13	05/25/12	4.20%
14	Average	4.04%

Sources:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://credittrends.moodys.com/.