## IN THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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

# RESPONSES OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE TO THE DATA REQUESTS OF TENNESSEE AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

The Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate"), pursuant to the Scheduling Order entered in this Docket, hereby submits its responses to the first discovery request of Tennessee American Water Company. ("TAWC" or "Company"). As noted in a filing in this docket dated September 10, 2012, for purposes of this proceeding, the Consumer Advocate has no objection to the data requests submitted by TAWC.

#### DISCOVERY REQUEST 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 all witnesses for the CAD. Please include all workpapers, schedules, underlying computations and supporting documentation used and relief upon by each witness in the preparation of his testimony, including preparation of all Exhibits. Please provide all electronic spreadsheets with cell formulas, cell references, macros and VBA code intact.

**RESPONSE:** The Consumer Advocate believes it has submitted all workpapers, supporting documentation, and exhibits that exist electronically to the Company and with

formulas, references, etc. intact. The Consumer Advocate will work with the Company if is

believed there has been an oversight.

**DISCOVERY REQUEST 2.** 

To the extent not previously provided, please provide copies of all schedules and

underlying computations and workpapers developed in the analysis by the CAD and/or its

witnesses 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:** The Consumer Advocate believes it has submitted all workpapers,

supporting documentation, and exhibits that exist electronically to the Company and with

formulas, references, etc., intact for those items created in excel format. The Consumer

Advocate will work with the Company if is believed there has been an oversight.

**DISCOVERY REQUEST 3.** 

Refer to page P30 of the workpapers of Terry Buckner. Please provide copies of all

supporting documents, computations and workpapers used to arrive at the "Property Tax

Amount" listed on Exhibit T-OTAXI, year 2012, and also all supporting documents, calculations

and workpapers used to arrive at all "Gross Assessments" listed on Exhibit T-OTAXI.

**RESPONSE:** See Attachment CAPD Response #3.

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#### **DISCOVERY REQUEST 4.**

Refer to the testimony of Dr. Christopher C. Klein. Please provide a copy of any and all testimony that Dr. Klein has filed in any state or federal regulatory proceedings in which double leveraging is mentioned and/or discussed.

**RESPONSE:** Dr. Klein has not provided testimony in any federal proceeding discussing or mentioning double leveraging. Dr. Klein's testimony on double leveraging in state proceedings has been before the Tennessee Public Service Commission and the TRA. The docket records of Tennessee Public Service Commission no longer exist. Dr. Klein does not have copies of testimony prepared on behalf of the Tennessee Public Service Commission when he was employed there.

Dr. Klein has prepared testimony that is publicly available on the TRA website in which double leveraging is mentioned or discussed. The docket numbers, public utilities involved and the dates the testimony was filed are listed below and can be downloaded from the TRA docket website.

<u>Docket 10-00189</u> – TAWC – Direct Testimony, January 5, 2011; Correction to Direct Testimony, January 24, 2011.

<u>Docket 09-00183</u> – Chattanooga Gas Company – Direct Testimony, March 10, 2010.

#### **DISCOVERY REQUEST 5.**

Refer to the testimony of Dr. Christopher C. Klein. Please provide a list of each and every cost if equity and/or weighted cost of capital that Dr. Klein has recommended in the last five (5) years. Please include the jurisdiction, docket and/or case number, and the name of the proceeding in the response.

**RESPONSE:** The docket numbers, public utilities involved and the dates the testimony was filed are listed below and can be downloaded from the TRA docket website.

<u>Docket 10-00189</u> – TAWC – Direct Testimony, January 5, 2011; Correction to Direct Testimony, January 24, 2011.

Docket 09-00183 - Chattanooga Gas Company - Direct Testimony, March 10, 2010.

#### **DISCOVERY REQUEST 6.**

Refer to page 15 of the testimony of Dr. Christopher C. Klein. Please provide a list of all companies that were eliminated from his discounted cash flow analysis because they "were not primarily utilities, or for whom adequate earnings and dividend data were not available."

**RESPONSE:** Dr. Klein eliminated all firms that are not classified as utilities by Value Line because "they were not primarily utilities." A list of such firms is publicly available from Value Line. Dr. Klein eliminated the water utilities Artesian, Connecticut Water, and York from his discounted cash flow analysis for lack of earnings and dividend growth data from Value Line as shown on Klein Exhibit, page 6.

#### **DISCOVERY REQUEST 7.**

Refer to Exhibit page 2 of 21 of the testimony of Dr. Christopher C. Klein. Please provide the dollar amounts represented by the percentages shown in the "%" column (i.e., column 2). Also, please provide the source for each dollar amount, and for any amounts calculated by Dr. Klein, please show how each amount was calculated.

**RESPONSE:** Dr. Klein did not calculate dollar amounts or make use of any dollar amounts, in preparing the percentages in the "%" column of page 2 of his Exhibit, other than

those provided by TAWC in its Response to First Discovery Request of the Consumer Advocate

and Protection Division, Question 1, and the testimony and Exhibits of Mr. Verdouw. Dr. Klein

took the percentages of short and long term debt, preferred stock, and common equity calculated

by TAWC or its witnesses from these sources as referenced on pages 3 and 4 of his Exhibit to

calculate historical average percentages in each category. As explained on pages 8 and 9 of Dr,

Klein's testimony, these historical average percentages were used to derive the percentages of

each capital structure component on page 2 of his Exhibit. Dr. Klein performed no calculations

involving dollar amounts of the capital structure components.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via U.S. Mail or electronic mail upon:

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This the 26th day of September, 2012.

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# CAPD Response #3

### Ryan McGehee

From:

Ryan McGehee

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Monday, September 10, 2012 9:46 AM

To:

'Melvin Malone'

Subject:

FW: TN American 2010, 2011, 2012

Melvin,

This is a forward of the workpaper/data responsive to TAWC Request #3 to the CAPD.

Thanks,

Ryan

**From:** robert.buckner@comcast.net [mailto:robert.buckner@comcast.net]

Sent: Saturday, September 08, 2012 10:35 PM

To: Ryan McGehee

Subject: Fwd: Atmos and TN American 2010, 2011, 2012

This email is the only work paper in response to #3 See below. Kyle Skelley works for the Office of State Assessed Properties.

TB

**From:** "Kyle L. Skelley" <Kyle.Skelley@cot.tn.gov> **To:** "Robert buckner" <Robert.buckner@comcast.net>

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Subject: Atmos and TN American 2010, 2011, 2012

Terry,

The assessments are:

Tennessee American 2010 \$54,712,000 2011 \$58,824,000 2012 \$57,549,000

Let me know if you need any further assistance.