

TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY



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VIA E-MAIL and U.S. MAIL
April 21, 2016

Melvin Malone
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The Pinnacle at Symphony Place
150 3rd Avenue South, Suite 1600
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RE: Docket No. 15-00131 – *Petition of Tennessee-American Water Company
Regarding the Production Costs and Other Pass-Throughs Rider*

Dear Mr. Malone:

To assist the Authority in its evaluation of the above-captioned *Petition* filed on December 30, 2015, it is requested that you provide responses to the attached questions. It is requested that all responses be provided no later than 2:00 p.m. April 26, 2016. In accordance with TRA rules submit either (1) original and thirteen written copies of your response or (1) original and four written copies and an electronic version. Should you have any questions or need clarification regarding any requested item, please contact Michelle Ramsey at (615) 770-6891.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Foster".

David Foster, Chief
Utilities Division

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Docket File:

TRA THIRD DATA REQUEST

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1. In response to question number 6 of CAPD's second data request filed March 31, 2015 in docket number 15-00001, the Company stated that it believed that sales tax was charged erroneously for purchased water from Eastside, Hixon and Walden's Ridge utilities and that the Company was investigating recovery of said taxes. Please provide the status of the sales tax investigation, and if any refunds have been received. If any refunds have been received, provide support for the amounts received.
2. Is it the Company's position that the purchased water sales tax should be removed from the purchased water total?
3. Please explain why the Company is still paying sales tax to the utilities in question 1 above.
4. Please confirm that the Company inadvertently included late fee of \$157.53 in its purchased water expense for October 2015 from Eastside Utility and that purchase water expense should be reduced by \$157.53.
5. Please confirm that the Company inadvertently included \$196.31 of late fee's in purchase power expense from EPB, North Georgia EMC, and Sequachee and that purchase power expense should be reduced by \$196.31.
6. Please confirm that the Company used its ending balance of October 2014 for the beginning balance of each of its chemical inventory accounts instead of the November 2014 ending balance. Please refer to the chemicals workpaper pages 3 to 6.
7. Staff noted that the chemical expense filed from ADC was different than the invoiced amount from ADC for January through May 2015 and July through August 2015 by \$412.88. Please explain why the ADC chemical expense filed in the PCOP is not the same as invoiced amount.
8. In the spreadsheet titled Revenue Workpaper.xlsx, there is a tab titled workpaper. The tab contains an "approved deferral" amount of \$345,355. Staff's records reflect approval of \$345,857 to be deferred. Please provide support for the Company's deferral amount.
9. In the Pre-Filed Testimony of Linda C. Bridwell on page 11, it is unclear whether the net amount refunded last year resulting from the surcharge approved in Docket No. 15-00001 is under refunded or over refunded. The Workpapers appear to show an over refund. Please clarify whether the amount refunded last year was a net over or under refund?