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RE: Petition of Tennessee-American Water Company Regarding the 2020 Investment and Related Expenses Under the Qualified Infrastructure Investment Program Rider, the Economic Development Investment Rider and the Safety and Environmental Compliance Rider, TPUC Docket No. 19-00105

Dear Chairman Morrison:

Since the submission of Tennessee-American Water Company's ("TAWC") Petition in the above-referenced matter on November 15, 2019, TAWC and the Consumer Advocate Unit in the Financial Division of the Tennessee Attorney General's Office ("Consumer Advocate" or "CA") have been involved in cooperative discussions and have exchanged various information related to the Petition. The CA recently submitted the Pre-filed Testimony of David N. Dittemore, and TAWC recently submitted the Pre-filed Rebuttal Testimony of both Elaine K. Chambers and Kurt A. Stafford. After considering the entire record, including TAWC's responses to discovery, and consistent with the streamlined approach contemplated in the alternative method riders approved in TPUC Docket No. 13-00130, it is the joint position of the parties that there remains only a single substantive contested issue remaining for resolution on the merits by the Commission. The sole remaining contested issue in this case involves the appropriate treatment of Excess Accumulated Deferred Income Tax ("EADIT") (See Pre-filed Testimony of CA Witness Mr. Dittemore, pp. 3-5, Docket No. 19-00105, Pre-filed Rebuttal Testimony of TAWC Witness Ms. Chambers, p. 2, ll 14-22, Docket No. 19-00105, and Pre-filed Direct Testimony of TAWC Witness Ms. Chambers, pp. 27-28, Docket No. 19-00105). As both Mr. Dittemore and Ms. Chambers noted in their respective pre-filed testimony, the EADIT issue is the subject of Tennessee Public Utility Commission ("TPUC" or "Commission") Docket No. 18-00039, and the appropriate treatment of EADIT will be addressed on the merits by the Commission in Docket No. 18-00039.

As the EADIT issue will be resolved in Docket No. 18-00039, the parties jointly propose that the resolution of the EADIT issue in Docket No. 19-00105 be deferred to resolution in Docket No. 18-00039 and that the decision of the Commission on the EADIT issue in Docket No. 18-00039, subject to normal procedural processes, such as reconsiderations and the like, will become the decision of the EADIT issue in Docket No. 19-00105. As the appropriate method to address EADIT will affect the

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final Capital Recovery Riders surcharges in this Docket, a ruling by the Commission on the remaining issues in Docket No. 18-00039 should either occur prior to or contemporaneous with a ruling in this Docket.

Therefore, excepting the EADIT issue, it is the joint position of the parties that Docket No. 19-00105 is ripe for consideration on the merits by the Commission. The Parties agree that the rate impacts resulting from the Commission's decision in Docket No. 18-00039 should be incorporated into the final determination of the appropriate rates in Docket No. 19-00105. Other than the EADIT issue, at this time there remain no outstanding disputes between the parties with respect to Docket No. 19-00105, as clarified by and through discovery, the parties' communications and pre-filed testimony. Other than the EADIT issue, as reflected in the Pre-filed Testimony of Mr. Dittemore and the Pre-filed Rebuttal Testimony of both Ms. Chambers and Mr. Stafford, there are no contested issues between the parties on the merits of the Petition, and it is the position of the parties that, excepting the EADIT issue, this matter should be resolved in favor of the positions set forth in TAWC's Petition, consistent with the pre-filed testimony of the parties. While other issues were highlighted in the testimonies of the Parties, as discussed by CA Witness Dittemore and TAWC Witness Chambers, those issues may be addressed in Docket No. 19-00103, the Docket to Investigate and Consider Potential Issues and Modifications to the Collective Capital Riders of Tennessee-American Water Company. Consistent with agency practice, the parties hereby jointly request that the entire official record in this docket, including discovery, be made a part of the evidentiary record.

With the foregoing in mind, and assuming the Commission accepts the proposal of the parties with respect to the EADIT issue, unless otherwise requested by the Commission, the parties hereby waive both opening statements and the live presentation of testimony, including summaries of prefiled testimony. TAWC Witnesses Chambers and Stafford and CA Witness Dittemore will be available for the Hearing on the merits. Further, other than follow-up and/or clarifying questions in response to questions of any witness by a TPUC Commissioner or TPUC Staff, TAWC waives cross-examination of Mr. Dittemore, and the CA waives cross-examination of both Ms. Chambers and Mr. Stafford.

As required, one copy of this filing will follow. Should you have any questions concerning this filing, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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