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> RE: Petition of Tennessee-American Water Company Regarding the 2021 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. 20-00128

Dear Chairman Hill:

Attached for filing please find the *Pre-Filed Direct Testimony of Grady Stout Adopting Pre-Filed Direct Testimony of Kurt A. Stafford* in the above-captioned matter.

As required, one (1) hard copy will be mailed to your office. 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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Attachment

cc: Todd Wright, TAWC Grady Stout, TAWC

Rachel Bowen, Consumer Advocate Unit Vance Broemel, Consumer Advocate Unit

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

PETITION OF TENNESSEE-AMERICAN)	
WATER COMPANY REGARDING THE)	
2021 INVESTMENTS AND RELATED)	
EXPENSES UNDER THE QUALIFIED)	
INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT)	DOCKET NO. 20-00128
PROGRAM RIDER, THE ECONOMIC)	DOCKET NO. 20-00128
DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT RIDER)	
AND THE SAFETY AND)	
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE)	
RIDER)	

PRE-FILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF GRADY STOUT ADOPTING PRE-FILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF KURT A. STAFFORD

1 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

- 2 A. My name is Grady Stout, and my business address is 1500 Riverside Drive, Chattanooga,
- Tennessee 37406.
- 4 Q. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?
- 5 A. I am employed by Tennessee-American Water Company ("TAWC" or "Company"). My
- 6 current role is Manager of Engineering.

7 Q. WHAT ARE YOUR DUTIES AS MANAGER OF ENGINEERING?

- 8 A. I am responsible for the coordination and administration of the TAWC Engineering
- 9 Department. This includes the planning, development, and implementation of all aspects
- of construction projects. My responsibilities include working with developers for all new
- main extensions, replacement of existing mains, water treatment plant upgrades and
- modifications, new construction and improvement to network facilities. I also coordinate

technical assistance to all other TAWC departments as needed and oversee the capital budget development and implementation. I report directly to the President of TAWC.

3 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR PROFESSIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL 4 BACKGROUND.

I received a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from Tennessee Technological University in 2011. I am a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of Tennessee. Upon graduation from Tennessee Technological University, I began working with Tysinger, Hampton, & Partners, an engineering consultant firm in Johnson City, Tennessee. While with this firm, I served as the inspector over the Little Milligan Water System project that included the installation of wells, a chemical building, a storage tank, and distribution system. In 2012, after the project was complete, I became a Construction Project Manager for Bob Stout Construction Company, Inc. In this role I was the project manager of a 16" water main replacement project. I began working with TAWC in 2013 as an Engineer in the Engineering Department. My primary role was to design and manage water main replacements and other production projects in the Chattanooga, Whitwell, and Suck Creek districts of TAWC. In 2016, I was promoted to Project Manager. In this role I had both engineering and managerial responsibilities, along with managing relationships of key stakeholders, elected officials, and regulators. In 2019, I was again promoted to Manager of Engineering of TAWC. I have also served twice as VP of Operations for TAWC, the first from January 2020 – April of 2020, and the second from April of 2021- June of 2021. After serving as VP of Operations I returned to my duties of Manager of Engineering. I am an active member of American Water Works Association (AWWA), American Society of

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- 1 Civil Engineers (ASCE), and serve as the 2020 President of the Chattanooga Engineer's
- 2 Club.
- 3 Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TESTIMONY BEFORE THIS OR ANY
- 4 OTHER UTILITY COMMISSION?
- 5 A. Yes. I have previously provided testimony before the Tennessee Public Utility Commission
- 6 in TPUC Docket Nos. 20-00011 and 20-00128.
- 7 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY TODAY?
- 8 A. The purpose of my testimony is to adopt the pre-filed direct testimony previously submitted
- 9 in this matter by Kurt A. Stafford supporting the Petition filed by Tennessee-American. A
- copy of Kurt A. Stafford's Pre-filed Testimony is attached as Exhibit 1.
- 11 Q. WHY ARE YOU ADOPTING MR. STAFFORD'S PRE-FILED DIRECT
- 12 **TESTIMONY?**
- 13 A. Mr. Stafford is no longer employed by the Service Company, as he voluntarily left the
- Service Company effective May 14, 2021. Therefore, I am adopting his pre-filed
- 15 testimony.
- 16 Q. ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THE PRE-FILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF KURT
- 17 **STAFFORD?**
- 18 A. Yes, I have reviewed the testimony of Kurt Stafford, including the exhibits, and I am
- familiar with its contents.
- 20 Q. IF ASKED THE SAME QUESTIONS AS ARE IN THE DIRECT PRE-FILED
- 21 TESTIMONY OF KURT STAFFORD, WOULD YOU ANSWER EACH
- 22 QUESTION THE SAME?
- 23 A. Yes, excepting that our professional and educational backgrounds are different.

- 1 Q. DO YOU WISH TO ADOPT THE PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF KURT
- 2 **STAFFORD WITHOUT CHANGES?**
- 3 A. Yes.

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5 No further questions.

EXHIBIT 1 TO PETITIONER'S EXHIBIT GS-2

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1 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

- 2 A. My name is Kurt A. Stafford and my business address is 2300 Richmond Road, Lexington,
- 3 Kentucky 40502.

4 Q. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?

- 5 A. I am employed by the American Water Works Service Company ("Service Company") as
- 6 Director of Engineering for Tennessee American Water Company ("TAWC" or
- 7 "Company") and Kentucky American Water Company ("KAWC").

8 Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY FILED TESTIMONY BEFORE THIS OR ANY

9 **OTHER COMMISSION?**

- 10 A. Yes. I have previously provided written and oral testimony before the Tennessee Public
- 11 Utility Commission ("TPUC" or "Commission") in TPUC Docket No 18-00120 and
- written testimony in TPUC Docket Nos 19-00031, 19-00105, 20-00028. I have also
- provided written and oral testimony before the Kentucky Public Service Commission in
- 14 Case No 2020-00027.

15 Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL

- 16 **BACKGROUND.**
- 17 A. I received a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Tennessee in
- 18 Knoxville, Tennessee in 2000. I have also completed a Masters of Urban and Regional
- Planning from the University of Tennessee in 2004, as well as a Masters of Business
- Administration from Tennessee Tech University in Cookeville, Tennessee in 2012. I am a
- registered Professional Engineer in the State of Tennessee and the Commonwealth of
- Virginia.

I have been employed by Service Company in my current role since September 2019. Prior to that, I served as Engineering Manager for TAWC from April 2016 to September 2019. I began my career as a Consulting Engineer in the utility and environmental remediation fields working for engineering firms in Knoxville, Tennessee and Lexington, Kentucky. In June 2004, I accepted a role as a Staff Engineer at the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality in Richmond, Virginia. In January 2007, I began working for the Knoxville Utilities Board ("KUB") as a Project Engineer managing wastewater construction projects related to KUB's \$650 million dollar Wastewater Consent Decree Program. In 2010, I was promoted to Team Leader at KUB where I managed an engineering team working on construction projects for KUB's Wastewater Consent Decree Program. In 2012, I was assigned as Team Leader for an engineering team that managed construction and planning projects for KUB's water distribution system. Additionally, I served as a certified Level II Erosion Control Inspector responsible for managing erosion control inspections and ensuring construction projects for all four of KUB's utilities (gas, water, wastewater and electric) conformed to local, state and federal requirements. I also served as the main point of contact for both Water and Wastewater Engineering in regard to new service requests and projects. I am an active member of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) and the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers (TSPE).

Q. WHAT ARE YOUR DUTIES AS DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING?

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I am responsible for the coordination of the Engineering Departments for both TAWC and KAWC, which includes the planning, development, and implementation of all aspects of construction projects. I also coordinate technical assistance to other Company departments as needed and oversee the development and implementation of the capital budgets. I report

	to the Presidents of TAWC and KAWC. I am located in Kentucky, but work very closely
	with the TAWC staff in Tennessee.
Q.	ARE YOU SPONSORING ANY EXHIBITS?
A.Ye	es, as set forth below, I am sponsoring one exhibit.
	AS THE PETITIONER'S EXHIBIT THAT YOU ARE SPONSORING PREPARED YOU OR UNDER YOUR DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION?
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_	HAT WERE THE SOURCES OF THE DATA USED TO PREPARE THE ITIONER'S EXHIBITS LISTED ABOVE?
A.Th	e data used to prepare the exhibits was acquired from the books of account and business
recor	ds of Tennessee American and other internal sources, which I examined in the course of my
inves	tigation of the matters addressed in this testimony.
Q.	WHAT TOPICS WILL YOUR TESTIMONY ADDRESS?
A.	In addition to describing TAWC's Capital Investment Plan, I will present the planned
	investment for the Economic Development Investment ("EDI") Rider and the Safety and
	Environmental Compliance ("SEC") Rider for 2021.
Q.	PLEASE DESCRIBE TAWC CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN FOR THE
	FORECAST PERIOD?
A.	The Company's Capital Investment Plan can be divided into two distinct areas: 1)
	Recurring Projects ("RP") and 2) Major Projects identified as Investment Projects ("IP").
	Typically, Major Projects are those having a Company investment of \$250,000 or greater.
	A copy of the 2021 Strategic Capital Expenditures Plan ("SCEP") is attached to my
	testimony as Petitioner's Exhibit 2021 SCEP – KAS.

Q. HOW IS THE CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN DEVELOPED?

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A. Capital planning needs are addressed in both the short term (one year) and longer term (five years). Projects are prioritized using objective criteria that validate the need for a project and assess the risk of not performing the project. A key component of this planning technique is that it is flexible and can be adjusted when required to address new needs, such as unplanned equipment failures, large or sudden growth of a service area, or new regulatory requirements. TAWC's Engineering Department develops a proposed capital budget with input from Operations Supervisors and Project Managers and then shares the plan with the TAWC President and the TAWC Director of Operations for their review and approval. The proposed capital budget is also shared with the Service Company for review of the reasonableness of the projects proposed and their forecasted costs. Although the Service Company may make suggestions with respect to that budget, TAWC ultimately determines the Capital Investment Plan and approves the plan. This process is the basis for the capital expenditures reflected in the Company's Investment Plan.

Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE RECURRING PROJECTS THAT ARE INCLUDED WITHIN THE COMPANY'S CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN AS IT RELATES TO THE QIIP, EDI AND SEC PROGRAMS?

The Recurring Projects that are included within the Company's Capital Investment Plan and are related to the riders includes smaller main projects for reinforcement and replacement, replacement of hydrants and valves, service line and meter setting replacements, security improvements, plant control improvements, projects to replace and maintain treatment facilities and equipment and new mains, hydrants and valves to assist with economic development.

1 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE FACTORS USED IN THE PREPARATION OF THE 2 FORCAST PERIOD AS IT RELATES TO THE RECURRING PROJECTS THAT ARE INCLUDED WITHIN THE COMPANY'S CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN? 3 A. TAWC uses engineering criteria based on accepted engineering standards and practices to 4 5 determine the amount of work needed on the distribution system or the treatment facilities 6 that provide adequate capacity and appropriate levels of reliability. The identified work will enable TAWC to provide safe, adequate and reliable service to its Customers to meet 7 their domestic, commercial and industrial needs; provide flows adequate for fire protection; 8 9 and satisfy all regulatory and safety requirements. The criteria for evaluating the need for the recurring projects are engineering requirements; consideration of national, state and 10 local trends; environmental impact evaluations; and water resource management. The 11 criteria are developed from regulations, professional standards and TAWC engineering 12 policies and procedures. 13 Main replacement projects or new main installations are designed to meet two conditions 14 of service. They are expected to deliver projected peak hour Customer demands while 15 maintaining system pressures at 25 psi or greater in accordance with TPUC pressure 16 requirements (Chapter 1220-4-3.41) and to provide adequate fire flow identified by the 17 Insurance Services Office (ISO) while maintaining distribution system pressure at 20 psi 18 or greater. 19 20 TAWC utilizes historical and forecasted data to develop the program costs based on the determined level of work for each RP line. 21

1 Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE HOW INVESTMENT PROJECTS ARE INCLUDED 2 WITHIN THE COMPANY'S CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN?

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A. Investment Projects (IP) are typically projects greater than \$250,000 that the Company describes as Major Projects. These projects represent investments that are needed to meet environmental or water quality regulations, infrastructure capacity expansion or rehabilitation and to ensure a safe working environment. These projects allow the Company to ensure that they are able to meet the service demands of the community, ensure regulatory compliance and ensure the reduction of asset failure.

This determination of including an IP within the investment plan starts with a process that begins with the development of the anticipated demand projections of the system, the identification of improvements needed to meet those demands and a review of the current facilities located in the system. This process is documented through the Comprehensive Planning Study ("CPS") and is the basis for the development of IPs. TAWC utilizes the CPS study along with a review of changes in the needs of the system that may have occurred since the development of the CPS and develops the schedule of projects within the Capital Investment Plan. TAWC plans these to bring about the correct prioritization and distribution of capital spending for the various needs of the business.

Q. IN DEVELOPING ITS CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN, DOES THE COMPANY CONSIDER CUSTOMER IMPACT IN ADDITION TO CUSTOMER BENEFIT?

Yes. The Capital Investment Plan takes into account historical spending as well as proposed improvements as documented through the CPS and knowledge of other current system needs. During the planning process, projects are strategically staggered over a five-year period to balance spending and ensure TAWC continues to provide safe, adequate and

reliable service to its Customers. Projects are chosen and scheduled in a prudent manner in order to balance the critical need for replacing aging infrastructure with system safety and reliability as well as Customer impact.

Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE COMPANY'S RECENT PERFORMANCE FOR ITS CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN DURING THE USE OF QIIP, EDI AND SEC PROGRAMS?

A. TAWC is projecting to deliver its capital investment plan with the QIIP, EDI and SEC programs during the period of 2014 to 2020 by slightly exceeding the budget by 2.88% on a cumulative basis over the period. Net capital rider investment budgets, actual capital investment deliveries, and variances to budgets by year are shown in the table below.

TAWC Net Rider Budget vs Actual Rider Capex for 2014 though						
		2020				
Year	Budget	Actual	Varia	nce		
2014	\$18,337,559	\$18,205,874	(\$131,685)	-0.72%		
2015	\$17,539,272	\$19,160,770	\$1,621,498	9.24%		
2016	\$12,429,427	\$12,940,387	\$510,960	4.11%		
2017	\$12,033,965	\$12,323,574	\$289,609	2.41%		
2018	\$13,053,960	\$13,546,799	\$492,839	3.78%		
2019	\$19,285,896	\$18,843,693	(\$442,203)	-2.35%		
2020*	\$23,205,517	\$24,096,259	\$890,742	3.70%		
Cumulative	\$115,885,596	\$119,117,356	\$2,783,221	2.88%		

^{*} Current Year End Projection as of September 2020

Since the inception of the Capital Riders, over 119 million dollars have been spent on critical water infrastructure projects which support the safety and reliability of the TAWC treatment and distribution systems for its Customers. The Capital Riders have also assisted the Company in achieving regulatory compliance with zero notices of violation. For example, during 2014 and 2015, the Company constructed a dewatering facility to ensure regulatory compliance with revised wastewater effluent standards under the City of

Chattanooga's EPA Wastewater Consent Decree. The new facility reduced naturally occurring levels of zinc in the Citico Plant's effluent to ensure the City and the Company achieved compliance with pretreatment standards under the Wastewater Consent Decree. Strict adherence to capital management processes have allowed the Company to manage this budget very closely to the yearly net rider budget and minimize deviations in the capital investment plan for the QIIP, EDI and SEC programs. This shows that the capital riders are working as intended for the benefit of the Company's Customers.

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Q. CAN YOU ELABORATE ON THE YEARLY VARIANCES BETWEEN THE NET RIDER BUDGET AND THE NET RIDER ACTUAL?

Certainly. Since 2014, the Company has been able to successfully manage rider eligible projects to within 2.88% of budgeted costs on a cumulative basis. These variances have been kept very low because the Company uses a highly structured program to monitor project progress and spend. Countless variables can impact the cost and progress of capital projects. These variables include, but are not limited to, weather, fluctuations in material costs, special permitting requirements, site conditions and availability of construction crews. During the year, capital expenditures are closely managed to ensure estimated project costs and schedules are met. Closely monitoring these project costs and schedules has allowed the Company to very accurately deliver the capital budgets it has proposed.

Q. HOW DOES THE RIDER SPEND PROPOSED FOR 2021 COMPARE TO PRIOR YEARS?

21 A. On a net basis, the budgeted rider spend for 2021 is estimated to be approximately \$16.7M.
22 This is about \$6.5M less than the budgeted amount for 2020 and \$2.1M less than the actual
23 spend in 2019. It is also slightly less than the average yearly net rider spend from 2014

through 2020, which is approximately \$16.9M. See the table below for historical net rider spend since 2014.

TAWC Net Rider Capex 2014 - 2021					
Year	Budgeted	Actual			
2014		\$18,205,874			
2015		\$19,160,770			
2016		\$12,940,387			
2017		\$12,323,574			
2018		\$13,546,799			
2019		\$18,843,693			
2020	\$23,205,517				
2021	\$16,699,656				

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Q. THE PROPOSED SURCHARGE ADJUSTMENT FOR 2021 IS 5.88%. WHAT CONTRIBUTES TO THIS PROPOSED ADJUSTMENT?

A. As mentioned in my testimony above, the proposed 2021 capital rider spend is slightly less than the 2014-2020 average yearly net rider spend. However, several significant projects went in-service in the later part of 2020 and are therefore included in the 13-month average for 2021. This roll forward effect from 2020 has a significant impact on the percentage of the overall proposed surcharge for 2021.

Q. WHAT 2020 PROJECTS ARE HAVING A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE 2021 PROPOSED SURCHARGE?

The most significant of these projects is the Replace Basin 2 and Plate Settlers Investment Project. This project consisted of replacing a century year old concrete sedimentation basin and greatly increased the treatment capacity of the basin by using newer treatment technology. The efficiencies gained by this new basin will allow TAWC to improve both treatment resiliency and operational efficiency. The improved treatment capacity of the

new basin will also allow TAWC to take another existing sedimentation basin out of service rather than replace it, thereby saving Customers the cost of an additional basin replacement project. Other significant 2020 projects that impact the 2021 proposed surcharge include increased spending on several reoccurring projects or RP budget lines including Budget Line B – Mains Replaced.

6 Q. WILL THESE PROJECTS IMPACT FUTURE YEARS?

- 7 A. No. These projects will roll off the 13-month average in 2021.
- 8 Q. WHAT IS THE TOTAL ROLL FORWARD AMOUNT FOR ALL OF THE
- 9 PROJECTS PLACED IN-SERVICE DURING THE LATER PART OF 2020 THAT
- 10 ARE INCLUDED IN THE 13-MONTH AVERAGE FOR 2021?
- 11 A. \$12,270,690.00.

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13 Q. CAN YOU DESCRIBE HOW THE CAPITAL INVESTMENT PLAN IS 14 MONITORED DURING THE YEAR?

Since 2003, the entire American Water system has used a process for the development and review of capital expenditures that has incorporated industry best practices. TAWC, like its sister companies, has benefitted from that process. The process includes a regional Capital Investment Management Committee ("CIMC") to ensure capital investment plans meet the strategic intent of the business. In turn, this ensures that capital investment plans are integrated with operating expense plans, and provides more effective controls on budgets and individual capital projects.

The CIMC includes the TAWC President, Director of Operations, Engineering Project Managers, Engineering Manager, Financial Analyst, and Capital Coordinator. The CIMC meets monthly. The CIMC receives capital expenditure plans from project

managers and approves them as required by the process. Once budgets are approved, the CIMC meets monthly to review capital expenditures compared to budgeted levels. Discussions are held on variances to budgets that include the reason for the variance and suggestions to bring the budget lines back in line with the approved budget.

If changes in the budgets are required due to changes in priorities or unexpected expenditures, then the CIMC reviews the request for changes and approves the movement of available capital from other budget lines to offset the changes in the capital spend. All projects, including normal recurring items, have an identified project manager responsible for processing the stages of the project. The focus of the CIMC, along with the monthly meetings, has allowed TAWC to be more flexible with changes that inevitably occur during the course of implementation of projects while providing oversight on capital expenditures.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Q. WHAT IS THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT RIDER?

A. This rider provides a mechanism to recover the operational expenses, capital costs or both related to the expansion of infrastructure for the purpose of economic development. With economic development opportunities being limited and the competition for each development fierce, the rider allows infrastructure to be expanded or enhanced to respond quickly and equitably to economic development that will benefit all of the consumers.

Q. WHAT ARE THE BUDGET LINES THAT ARE INCLUDED UNDER THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT RIDER?

22 A. The budget lines that are included in the Economic Development Investment Rider are
23 Line A - Mains New and Line E - Hydrants and Valves New. These budget lines support

the economic development of the community and place the distribution system in a position to aid new development within the service area.

Q. WHAT WORK IS ASSOCIATED WITH MAINS NEW - LINE A AND WHY IS THIS APPROPRIATE FOR THE EDI RIDER?

- This line item includes new water mains, valves, and other appurtenances that are necessary to perform the work that assist with the economic growth of the community. This work includes the installation of new infrastructure to expand or extend the distribution system that supports economic growth in the community and is appropriate to be included within the EDI Rider.
- 10 Q. WHAT OTHER WORK IS ASSOCIATED WITH MAIN NEW LINE A AND
 11 WHY IS THIS ADDITIONAL WORK APPROPRIATE FOR THE EDI RIDER?

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- In addition to the extension or expansion of the distribution system to assist with an economic development project, Line A work can also be related to the extension or expansion of new mains that position the distribution system to be able to support future growth of the community. In addition, Line A work includes new mains that provide new transmission capacity, provide reliability, or establish an additional pressure gradient. This work is considered appropriate for the EDI Rider because it enhances the distribution system and allows it to respond quickly to future growth of the community. These types of projects promote growth and are designed to accommodate future growth in the surrounding areas. Among other ways, the Customer benefits from these projects through their enhancement of the distribution system and improvement in reliability.
- Q. WHAT IS THE PROPOSED INVESTMENT ANTICIPATED FOR NEW WATER

 MAIN ASSOCIATED WITH LINE A.

TAWC plans to spend approximately \$275,616 on various size water mains within the distribution system that are associated with eliminating dead ends or positioning the distribution system for future development. At this time, the Company has identified one new main project. In Chattanooga, a 2,300 lineal foot 12-inch extension along Cummings Road is needed to provide a secondary feed into an area on the western end of the system. This project was initially projected to be completed in 2020. However, another project to supply water to a new development in East Ridge took precedence. Therefore, the Cummings Road Project was designed in 2020 and construction is slated to occur in 2021. The historical five-year average spend for 2015 to 2019 for new mains is \$437,594 per year. The Company believes that the Cumming Road project is important to ensure capacity and the continued reliability of our system.

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Q. WHAT WORK IS ASSOCIATED WITH NEW HYDRANTS AND VALVES – LINE E AND WHY IS THIS APPROPRIATE FOR THE EDI RIDER?

This investment plan item includes the installation of new hydrants, including hydrant assemblies and valves that are installed on existing mains or installed in conjunction with main extension projects, which are Company funded. This item generally includes all public hydrants. This work is associated with the installation of new infrastructure to foster economic development by providing new fire protection or enhancing fire protection in currently served areas. Improved infrastructure in existing older service areas, including fire protection, is a key to redevelopment in economic growth and is appropriate to be included within the EDI Rider.

Q. WHAT IS THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR NEW HYDRANTS AND VALVES?

- A. TAWC plans to spend approximately \$124,499 on a combination of 22 new hydrants and 9 valves. This is a slight increase over the five-year average between 2015 and 2019 of \$101,581. TAWC believes that with the improving economic health of the communities served the level of investment will increase to serve the growing economic development.
- 5 Q. ARE THERE ANY CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROJECTS (IP) INCLUDED UNDER
 6 THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RIDER?
- 7 A. No. There are no additional qualifying projects.

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SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE RIDER

9 Q. WHAT IS THE SAFETY AND ENVIORNMENTAL COMPLAINCE RIDER?

- A. In addition to the need for capital investment for replacement of aging infrastructure, and the need for investment in infrastructure for economic development, water and wastewater utilities are continually faced with the additional infrastructure investment requirements to meet safety and environmental compliance mandates from state and federal government. The United States Environmental Protection Agency is continually increasing water quality standards for potable drinking water and discharge requirements for wastewater facilities. Other regulatory agencies from time to time change safety and environmental compliance requirements that lead to the need for further infrastructure investment. TAWC believes that environmental compliance investments are specifically related to the safety of the drinking water and in the public interest.
- Q. WHAT ARE THE BUDGET LINES THAT ARE INCLUDED UNDER THE
 SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PROGRAM RIDER?
- 22 A. The budget lines that are included in the Safety and Environmental Compliance Rider are
 23 Line L SCADA Equipment and Systems, Line M Security Equipment and Systems and

- Line Q Process Plant Facilities and Equipment. These budget lines support the improvement of safety and enhances the environmental compliance of the system.
- Q. WHAT WORK IS ASSOCIATED WITH SCADA EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS LINE L AND HOW IS IT RELATED TO THE SEC?
- This investment item is for the installation or replacement of existing SCADA Equipment 5 Α. 6 and Systems. The acronym SCADA can be defined in several slightly different ways. However, TAWC generally prefers the definition as System Control and Data Acquisition, 7 which is the computerized system for monitoring and operating the treatment plants and 8 9 network facilities. By making investment in the monitoring and control system for the treatment plants and the network facilities, TAWC is able to ensure that the operation of 10 the system is meeting safety and environmental requirements and is appropriate to be 11 included in the SEC. 12
- 13 Q. WHAT IS THE PROPOSED INVESTMENT ANTICIPATED TO SCADA

 14 ASSOCIATED WITH LINE L?
- 15 A. TAWC plans to spend approximately \$160,000 on various SCADA improvements
 16 throughout the system. A majority of the spending will be associated with replacement
 17 work at remote sites. In addition, some licensing fees are required to maintain SCADA
 18 (supervisory control and data acquisition) software. This matches up to the five-year
 19 average spend of 176,967 for the years between 2015 and 2019.
- Q. WHAT WORK IS ASSOCIATED WITH SECURITY EQUIPMENT AND
 SYSTEMS LINE M AND HOW IS IT RELATED TO THE SEC?
- 22 A. This investment item is associated with the security equipment and systems that are 23 employed at the TAWC facilities. This may include fencing, alarm systems, cameras,

barricades, electronic detection or locking systems, software, or other assets related directly to security. These improvements allow TAWC to maintain its security system and follow the Homeland Security Directive 9 to "develop robust, comprehensive, and fully coordinated surveillance and monitoring systems." TAWC believes it is paramount to ensure that its facilities are monitored actively. These improvements will maintain the equipment and ensure current technology is employed to provide safe drinking water and protect its infrastructure and are appropriate to be included in the SEC.

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9 Q. WHAT IS THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR SECURITY EQUIPMENT AND 10 SYSTEMS?

A. TAWC plans to spend approximately \$154,800 on a combination of upgrades to existing security systems to improve the security of the existing facilities. TAWC believes this level of spend on the installation and enhancement of the facility security systems will ensure a sufficient level of health and safety risk reduction for the Company's employees.

Q. WHAT WORK IS ASSOCIATED WITH PROCESS PLANT FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT – LINE Q AND HOW IS IT RELATED TO THE SEC?

This investment line item is for the new purchase or replacement of existing components of water supply, water treatment, water pumping, water storage, and water pressure regulation facilities, including associated building components and equipment. Replacements may be planned or made because of failure or may include improvements. Through the investment in the improvements associated with this spending line, TAWC is able to ensure compliance with federal and state safety and environmental compliance requirements that will ensure safe drinking water. By ensuring compliance with federal and state requirements, these investments are appropriate to be included in the SEC.

- Q. WHAT IS THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR PROCESS PLANT FACILITIES
 AND EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN LINE Q?
- A. TAWC plans to spend approximately \$1,615,000 within the Process Plant Facilities and Equipment Improvements within Line Q. This level of investment is a slight increase in the line compared with the five-year average spending of \$1,394,595 over the period of 2015 to 2019. Larger items projected for 2021 include a pump, drive and starter at Missionary Ridge Station as well as a valve associated with the high service pumps at the Citico Plant.
- 9 Q. BESIDES THE REPLACEMENT OF PROCESS PLANT FACILITIES AND

 10 EQUIPMENT DUE TO A FACILITY OR PIECE OF EQUIPEMENT BEING AT

 11 THE END OF ITS USEFUL LIFE, WHAT BENEFITS DOES WORK

 12 PERFORMED UNDER LINE Q PROVIDES?
- A. A majority of the work performed by TAWC within Line Q is the replacement of older equipment with new equipment that is far more efficient than the original equipment. This allows TAWC to produce water more efficiently and use less electricity and allows the Company to take a leadership role in reducing its carbon footprint. TAWC has elected to include both replacement and new items in this line specifically that are critically necessary to continue to meet water quality regulations.
- Q. ARE THERE ANY SEC IP PROJECTS THAT WILL START IN 2021 THAT WILL

 GO IN TO SERVICE IN FUTURE YEARS AFTER 2021?
- Yes. Some projects can span multiple years from the design and planning phase to the end of construction. TAWC plans to spend an estimated \$502,663 for design, planning, permitting and construction on one IP project that will go in to service after 2021.

- 1 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY?
- 2 A. Yes.

Business Unit Tennessee

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						2020					
Business Unit	Rider	Business Unit No.	Project Title			1	2	3	4	5	6
Tennessee	None	DV	Projects Funded by Others	ı	ı	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$50,000	\$80,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
Tennessee	EDI	Α	Mains - New			0	31,880	55,013	84,713	87,533	11,525
Tennessee	QIIP	В	Mains - Replaced / Restored			75,000	75,000	115,000	216,590	240,783	250,000
Tennessee	QIIP	С	Mains - Unscheduled			164,182	173,645	161,217	119,254	115,554	105,187
Tennessee Tennessee	QIIP EDI	D E	Mains - Relocated			10,627 6,110	16,567 7,268	26,008 8,206	26,823 12,695	27,324 13,411	24,481 13,803
Tennessee	QIIP	F	Hydrants, Valves, and Manholes - New Hydrants, Valves, and Manholes - Replaced			23,113	29,258	33,010	44,858	43,532	49,395
Tennessee	None	G	Services and Laterals - New			89,105	96,006	100,853	109,475	112,126	111,167
Tennessee	QIIP	Н	Services and Laterals - Replaced			16,126	23,000	23,604	35,000	41,000	44,596
Tennessee	None	!	Meters - New			11,025	12,738	13,477	15,720	21,163	24,349
Tennessee Tennessee	QIIP None	J K	Meters - Replaced			32,411 187,500	39,875 215,661	43,469 214,665	43,876 218.825	108,987 216,700	141,000 218,857
Tennessee	SEC	L	ITS Equipment and Systems SCADA Equipment and Systems			187,500	213,001	214,003	0	210,700	210,037
Tennessee	SEC	M	Security Equipment and Systems			6,376	7,815	10,379	11,098	14,443	14,662
Tennessee	None	N	Offices and Operations Centers			0	0	4,569	269	269	4,569
Tennessee	None	0	Vehicles			0	0	157,275	9,275	9,275	201,999
Tennessee Tennessee	None SEC	P Q	Tools and Equipment			3,718 75,000	3,939 75,000	20,895 75,000	5,145 75,000	5,145 75,000	23,020 75,000
Tennessee	QIIP	R	Process Plant Facilities and Equipment Capitalized Tank Rehabilitation/Painting			75,000	75,000	75,000 N	75,000	75,000 0	75,000
Tennessee	None	S	Engineering Studies			5,646	5,979	11,293	11,586	11,880	11,880
			Total Recurring Projects ACQUISITIONS			705,939	813,630	1,073,935	1,040,203	1,144,127	1,325,492
			Total Acquisitions			0	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	QIIP	126-020039	INVESTMENT PROJECTS Basin 2 & Plate Settlers	Total	In Service Date 10/31/2020	126,548	125,476	126,280	0	0	0
Tennessee	SEC	126-020044	New Raw Water Intake - Citico		12/1/2023	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee		126-020048	Replace Elder Mt Transmission Main		10/31/2023	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee		I26-020051 I26-020055	Replace Switch Gear - Citico Lookout Valley Redun - St Elmo Booster Imprv		10/31/2022 9/30/2024	0	0	48,405 0	48,697 0	48,991 0	49,286 0
Tennessee Tennessee		126-020055	New Low Service Pump Station - Citico		12/1/2026	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee		126-020060	Replace High Service Header Valve - Citico		10/1/2021	970	101,013	102,015	103,313	207,200	1,079,744
Tennessee		126-020062	Filter House #2 Rehab		1/15/2022	6,025	11,403	153,500	153,500	153,500	142,635
Tennessee		126-02xxxx	Lookout Valley Redun - Piping Upgrade/Booster		11/30/2022	25,852	25,972	26,129	26,286	26,444	26,604
Tennessee		126-02xxxx	Lookout Valley Redun - River Crossing		10/30/2022	0	26,892	27,054	27,217	27,381	27,546
Tennessee Tennessee	QIIP QIIP	126-02xxxx 126-02xxxx	Lookout Valley Redun - Citico Tank Lookout Valley Redun - Lookout Valley Tank		12/30/2021 12/31/2024	34,959 0	35,170 0	35,382 0	35,595 0	35,810 0	36,026 0
Tennessee		126-02xxxx	Chattanooga Ops Center		11/1/2022	0	0	107,567	108,216	108,868	109,524
Tennessee		126-050001	Raw Water Intake Improvements - Whitwell		11/1/2022	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee	QIIP	126-050003	Replace Two 0.5 MG Storage Tanks (Seq Valley)		8/30/2022	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tennessee		126-05xxxx	Francis Springs Rd (Sequatchie Valley)		10/31/2023	0	0	0 722	01.270	0	02.274
Tennessee Tennessee		126-xxxxxx 126-000002	GIS Project Post Acquisition BD Capex		9/30/2021	89,639	90,179	90,723	91,270	91,820	92,374
			Total Investment Projects			\$283,993	\$416,105	\$717,054	\$594,093	\$700,014	\$1,563,739
			Contributions			(20,000)	(20,000)	(20,000)	(20,000)	(20,000)	(20,000)
			Advances			(58,333)	(58,333)	(58,333)	(58,333)	(58,333)	(58,333)
			Total Refunds			29,167	29,167	29,167	29,167	29,167	29,167
			Gross	s		\$999,932	\$1,239,735	\$1,840,989	\$1,714,296	\$1,994,140	\$3,039,231
*Dollar amounts	from TA	WC's Annual C	Capital Planning Process			(49,167)	(49,167)	(49,167)	(49,167)	(49,167)	(49,167)
			Ne	t		\$950,765	\$1,190,569	\$1,791,822	\$1,665,130	\$1,944,974	\$2,990,064
			Gross minus Post Acc	1		\$999,932	\$1,239,735	\$1,840,989	\$1,714,296	\$1,994,140	\$3,039,231
			5. 555	•		(49.167)	(49.167)	(49.167)	(49.167)	(49.167)	(49,167)
			Net minus Post Acc	1		\$950,765	\$1,190,569	\$1,791,822	\$1,665,130	\$1,944,974	\$2,990,064
			Net minus Post Act	1		7930,703	71,130,303	71,131,022	71,003,130	7±,377,314	7=,JJU,UU4

STRATEGIC CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PLAN PROGRAM

Business Unit Revision Date Description

Tennessee

November 19, 2020 TN BP 2021-2025 SCEP

U.S. \$ **Business Unit** Total 2020 **Business Unit** Rider **Project Title** 9 10 11 12 No. DV**Projects Funded by Others** \$90,000 \$80,000 \$80,000 \$80,000 \$120,000 \$100,000 \$1,000,000 Tennessee None Tennessee EDI 4.825 125 275.616 Α Mains - New 275,000 260,426 252.890 228.503 201.683 192 349 2.383.224 Tennessee OIIP B Mains - Replaced / Restored Tennessee QIIP С 103,389 108,154 108,389 108,742 116,143 181,143 1,565,000 Mains - Unscheduled QIIP 23,968 25,906 26,011 5,574 1,545 215,000 Tennessee D 166 Mains - Relocated Tennessee FDI Ε 13.812 13,945 10,498 9,933 8,311 6.508 124,499 Hydrants, Valves, and Manholes - New Tennessee QIIP 49,583 52,708 50,593 45,577 32,467 31,906 486,000 Hvdrants. Valves. and Manholes - Replaced 121,324 121,242 121,114 121,077 120,256 97,504 1,321,250 Tennessee None G Services and Laterals - New Tennessee OIIP Н Services and Laterals - Replaced 50,000 41,230 41,000 40,000 35,000 35,000 425,557 Tennessee None 26,331 26,582 23,121 19,023 16,435 16.033 225,999 Meters - New OIIP 148,000 148,000 231.000 200 000 125,000 80.000 1 341 618 Tennessee - 1 Meters - Replaced Tennessee None K 216,200 218,825 216,700 219,211 217,643 213.874 2.574.660 ITS Equipment and Systems Tennessee SEC L 53,333 53,333 53,334 160,000 SCADA Equipment and Systems 20,163 20,477 15,477 11,128 154,800 Tennessee SEC M Security Equipment and Systems 15,125 7.657 Tennessee None 269 269 4,569 269 4,675 20,000 Offices and Operations Centers 269 0 157,275 162,751 739,999 Tennessee None 11,912 11,912 9,275 9,051 Vehicles 5,270 24,174 5,338 5,338 22,746 130,000 Tennessee None Р 5.270 **Tools and Equipment** Q 75,000 125,000 125,000 100,000 100,000 50,000 1,025,000 Tennessee SEC Process Plant Facilities and Equipment Capitalized Tank Rehabilitation/Painting Tennessee QIIP R 0 250,000 250,000 250.000 250,000 26.210 1.026.210 11.880 11.880 11 880 11 880 11 880 7.336 125,000 Tennessee None S **Engineering Studies Total Recurring Projects** 1,156,927 1,441,951 1,669,692 1,442,860 1,469,184 1,035,493 15,319,432 ACQUISITIONS 0 **Total Acquisitions** O n O O n Ω INVESTMENT PROJECTS Tennessee OIIP 126-020039 Basin 2 & Plate Settlers 0 0 0 0 378,303 126-020044 Tennessee SEC New Raw Water Intake - Citico 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 Tennessee OIIP 126-020048 Replace Elder Mt Transmission Main n Λ 49,583 49,882 50,183 50,485 Tennessee SEC 126-020051 Replace Switch Gear - Citico 52,817 54,335 502,663 126-020055 Lookout Valley Redun - St Elmo Booster Imprv Tennessee OIIP n 0 0 0 Ω Tennessee SEC 126-020058 New Low Service Pump Station - Citico 0 0 0 Ω Tennessee QIIP 126-020060 Replace High Service Header Valve - Citico 268.741 220.880 53.622 2.137.498 215,781 1,472,534 215.781 Tennessee OIIP 126-020062 Filter House #2 Rehab 140.946 116.819 81 322 81.322 QIIP 126-02xxxx Lookout Valley Redun - Piping Upgrade/Booster 26,764 1,444 240,943 Tennessee 26,926 27,088 1,435 QIIP 126-02xxxx Lookout Valley Redun - River Crossing 27,879 28,047 28,386 28,558 27.712 304.889 Tennessee 28,216 Tennessee OIIP 126-02xxxx Lookout Valley Redun - Citico Tank 318,607 379,690 418,697 384,502 413,712 352,152 2,480,302 Tennessee QIIP 126-02xxxx Lookout Valley Redun - Lookout Valley Tank 110.184 110,849 192,192 221,498 222.833 1,500,000 Tennessee None 126-02xxxx Chattanooga Ops Center 208,267 Tennessee SEC 126-050001 Raw Water Intake Improvements - Whitwell 0 Tennessee QIIP 126-050003 Replace Two 0.5 MG Storage Tanks (Seq Valley) 0 39,557 39,795 40,035 40,276 962 160,626 OIIP 126-05xxxx Francis Springs Rd (Sequatchie Valley) Tennessee 0 n n n Tennessee None I26-xxxxxx GIS Project 92,930 93,491 94,054 0 826,480 Tennessee None I26-000002 Post Acquisition BD Capex \$1,035,469 \$1,164,934 \$1,119,459 \$829,761 \$839,456 \$740,162 \$10,004,239 **Total Investment Projects** Contributions (20,000) (20,000)(20,000)(20,000)(20,000)(20,000)(240,000) (700.000) (58 333) (58 333) (58 333) (58 333) (58 333) (58 333) Advances **Total Refunds** 29,167 29,167 29,167 29,167 29,167 29,167 350,000 0 \$2,282,396 \$2,686,885 \$2,869,151 \$2,352,621 \$2,428,640 \$1,875,655 \$25,323,671 Gross *Dollar amounts from TAWC's Annual Capital Planning Process (49,167) (49,167) (49,167) (49,167) (49,167) (49,167) (590,000) \$2,233,230 \$2,637,718 \$2,819,984 \$2,303,454 \$2,379,473 \$1,826,488 \$24,733,671 \$2,686,885 \$2,282,396 \$2,869,151 \$2,352,621 \$2,428,640 \$1,875,655 \$25,323,671 Gross minus Post Aca (49,167) (49,167) (49,167) (49,167) (49, 167)(49,167) (590,000)

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

He is appearing as a witness on behalf of Tennessee-American Water Company before the Tennessee Public Utility Commission, and if present before the Commission and duly sworn, his testimony would be as set forth in his pre-filed testimony in this matter.

Kurt A. Stafford

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd day of November, 2020.

Notary Public ID # KYNP9273

My Commission Expires: 7 25 24

STATE OF	TTV)
COUNTY OF	Hamilton)

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Grady Stout

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day of June , 202

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 3/13/2022



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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