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Hon. Kenneth C. Hill, Chairman c/o Ectory Lawless, Docket Room Manager Tennessee Public Utility Commission 502 Deaderick Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Nashville, TN 37243

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:

Pursuant to Rule 1220-4-1-.05 of the Rules of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission pertaining to the publication and posting of notice as to hearings in matters involving rate cases, the undersigned counsel for Tennessee-American Water Company hereby furnishes an original of this filing in connection with the hearing to be held in the above-referenced docket on August 9, 2021. The publication was made in a newspaper of general circulation in the areas in which the petitioner offers service to its customers and as to which notice is required:

#### **PUBLICATION OF NOTICE**

The LEGAL NOTICE OF HEARING regarding the August 9, 2021, hearing attached as Exhibit A was published in the Chattanooga Times Free Press, a newspaper of general circulation serving the greater Chattanooga, Tennessee area, on August 5, 2021. The affidavit from the Chattanooga Times Free Press attesting to such publication is attached as Exhibit B.

#### **POSTING OF LEGAL NOTICE**

The LEGAL NOTICE OF HEARING attached as <u>Exhibit A</u> was posted in the main lobby of Tennessee-American Water Company, 109 Wiehl Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee, beginning on August 4, 2021, and at its Whitwell operations at 600 N. Cedar Street, Whitwell, Tennessee, beginning on August 4, 2021. The NOTICE OF HEARING attached as <u>Exhibit C</u> was posted in the main lobby of Tennessee-American Water Company, 109 Wiehl Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee, beginning on August 4, 2021, and at its Whitwell operations at 600 N. Cedar Street, Whitwell,

The Pinnacle at Symphony Place 150 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue South, Suite 1600 Nashville, TN 37201 MELVIN J. MALONE 615.651.6705 melvin.malone@butlersnow.com

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Tennessee, beginning on August 4, 2021. Exhibits A and C were also posted on the Company's website.

Very truly yours,

BUTLER SNOW LLP,

Melvin 🏿 Malone

Attachments

cc: Todd Wright, Tennessee-American Water Company

Rachel Bowen, Assistant Attorney General, Financial Division, Consumer Advocate Unit

# **EXHIBIT A**

## **LEGAL NOTICE OF HEARING**

## **Tennessee Public Utility Commission Docket No. 20-00128**

Tennessee American Water Company ("TAWC" or "Company") filed its annual Capital Recovery Riders Petition with the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (the "Commission") in Docket No. 20-00128 on November 25, 2020, seeking approval of certain expenditures under the Qualified Infrastructure Improvement Program ("QIIP"), the Economic Development Investment Program ("EDI") and the Safety and Environmental Compliance Program ("SEC") for the upcoming year, 2021.

The Capital Recovery Riders are authorized alternative regulatory methods and mechanisms that permit TAWC to recover certain costs without a full-blown general rate case, as long as specific criteria are satisfied, including, but not limited to, the Commission finding that such alternative methods and mechanisms are in the public interest. A further explanation of the Capital Recovery Riders is available through the Commission in both TPUC Docket Nos. 13-00130 and 20-00128. Below is a summation of the Capital Recovery Riders that will be reviewed in the upcoming hearing in Docket No. 20-00128.

# **2020 APPROVED SURCHARGES**

Qualified Infrastructure Improvement Program Rider	14.28%
Economic Development Investment Program Rider	1.14%
Safety and Environmental Compliance Program Rider	<u>8.79%</u>
Subtotal of Capital Recovery Riders	24.21%
Total of Capital Recovery Riders Percentages	24.21%
Offset to Capital Recovery Riders for Tax Cuts and	-6.62%
Jobs Act ("TCJA") Savings	

### **2021 PROPOSED SURCHARGES**

Qualified Infrastructure Improvement Program Rider	19.14%
Economic Development Investment Program Rider	1.25%
Safety and Environmental Compliance Program Rider	9.70%
Subtotal of Capital Recovery Riders	30.09%
Total of Capital Recovery Riders Percentages	30.09%
Offset to Capital Recovery Riders for Tax Cuts and	-6.62%
Jobs Act ("TCJA") Savings	
Offset to Capital Recovery Riders for TCJA Excess	-4.54%
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If the surcharge changes proposed by TAWC are approved by the Commission, including the customer credit or offsets resulting from the federal corporate income tax expense reduction, along with the Excess ADIT reduction, there will not be a change in rates, as the rates were permitted to be implemented on January 1, 2021, pursuant to Commission regulations. When the rates became effective on January 1, 2021, a typical residential customer living in the City of Chattanooga, and using an average of 4,154 gallons per month, experienced an increase in their bill of about \$1.27 per month, or \$15.24 per year. The TCJA offset resulted in the same customer experiencing a decrease in their bill of approximately \$1.43 per month, or \$17.16 per year, while the TCJA Excess ADIT offset resulted in the same customer experiencing a decrease in their bill of approximately \$0.98 per month or \$11.76 per year. If the Commission lowers or disallows the rates that were implemented on January 1, 2021, after the hearing on August 9, 2021, a determination of applicable refunds or credits to customers, with interest, would also be made back to January 1, 2021.

Notice is hereby given that a hearing in this matter will be held by the Commission on August 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Central Standard Time at the Tennessee Public Utility Commission, in the Andrew Jackson Building, 500 Deaderick Street, Hearing Room G.201, Nashville, Tennessee. Members of the public may participate by presenting verbal comments during the hearing and/or filing written comments in the docket file. In addition, members of the public may listen to the hearing and/or provide comments by phone by dialing 800-689-9374, ten entering Guest Passcode 2333602#. Please dial in at least five (5) minutes before the Commission Conference is scheduled to begin and place your phone on mute once connected.

Participants with disabilities who require special accommodations or alternate communications formats should contact the Commission's ADA-EEO/AA Coordinator/Officer at 1-800-342-8359 or TDD (615) 741-3930.

The Petition, and supporting documentation, is on file with the Commission in TPUC Docket No. 20-00128 at http://share.tn.gov/tra/dockets/2000128.htm and is open to public inspection and review via the Commission's website. A complete copy of the Petition, including the proposed tariff and surcharge changes and the reasons for them, is also on file with the Commission in Docket No. 20-00128 in the Andrew Jackson Building, 500 Deaderick Street, Nashville, Tennessee. The Commission may be reached at 1-800-342-8359. The Petition, and supporting documentation, including the proposed tariff and surcharge changes and the reasons for them, is also available for public inspection and review at the offices of TAWC at 109 Wiehl Street, Chattanooga, TN 37406.

# **EXHIBIT B**



Account #: 109166

Company: TN AMERICAN WATER CO

Client:

Ad number: 215525

PO#:
Note:

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Before me personally appeared Jim Stevens, who being duly sworn that he is the Legal Sales Representative of the CHATTANOOGA TIMES FREE PRESS, and that the Legal Ad of which the attached is a true copy, has been published in the above named newspaper and on the corresponding newspaper website on the following dates, to-wit:

Chattanooga Times Free Press: 08/05/21; TimesFreePress.com: 08/05/21.

And that there is due or has been paid the CHATTANOOGA TIMES FREE PRESS for publication the sum of \$464.30. (Includes \$0.00 Affidavit Charge).

Sworn to and subscribed before me this date: 08/06/2021

My Commission Expires 02/28/2023

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# **EXHIBIT C**

# TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION



502 Deaderick Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Nashville, TN 37243-0001

# NOTICE OF HEARING

IN RE: PETITION OF TENNESSEE-AMERICAN WATER

COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF CHANGES 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

**DOCKET NO.:** 20-00128

**DATE:** July 30, 2021

A Hearing has been scheduled in the above-captioned matter for **Monday**, **August 9, 2021**, during the regularly scheduled Commission Conference beginning at **9:00 a.m.** (CDT). The Hearing will be held in Hearing Room G.201 located on the Ground Floor of the Andrew Jackson State Office Building, 500 Deaderick Street, Nashville, Tennessee.

Chairman Kenneth C. Hill, Vice Chairman Herbert H. Hilliard, Commissioner Robin L. Morrison, Commissioner John Hie, and Commissioner David F. Jones, the voting panel assigned to this docket, will conduct this Hearing in accordance with the Tennessee Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-101 *et seq.* Members of the public may participate by presenting verbal comments during the Hearing and/or filing written comments in the docket file. In addition, members of the public may listen to the Hearing and/or provide comments by phone by dialing: 800-689-9374, then entering Guest Passcode 233602#. Please dial in at least five (5) minutes before the Commission Conference is scheduled to begin and place your phone on mute once connected.

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#### FOR THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION:

Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer

Monica Smith-Ashford

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cc: Interested Parties of Record

# **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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Assistant Attorney General
Office of the Tennessee Attorney General
Financial Division, Consumer Advocate Unit
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Nashville, TN 37202-0207
Rachel.Bowen@ag.tn.gov

This the 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.