### IN THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

| IN RE:                         | )                   |
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| JOINT PETITION OF AQUA GREEN   | )                   |
| UTILITY, INC., AND TPUC STAFF  | DOCKET NO. 21-00128 |
| (AS A PARTY) TO INCREASE RATES | )                   |
| AND CHARGES                    | )                   |
|                                |                     |

### PRE-FILED DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

#### MICHELLE MAIRS

- Q. Please state your name, position and business address. 1
- 2 A. My name is Michelle Mairs. I am the Deputy Director of the Utilities Division for the
- Tennessee Public Utility Commission. My business address is 502 Deaderick Street, 3
- Fourth Floor, Nashville, Tennessee 37243. 4

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- O. Please provide a summary of your educational background and professional 5 experience.
- 7 A. I earned B.A. degrees in Economics and Business Administration from Chonnam
- National University in South Korea in 2003. I also earned an MBA degree from the 8
- University of Tennessee at Martin in 2005. I have been a Certified Public Accountant in 9
- Tennessee since 2008. I started with TPUC in 2007 and in my time with the Commission 10
- I have previously served in the positions of Economist, Utilities Consultant, and Audit 11
- Manager before serving in my current capacity as the Deputy Director of the Utilities 12
- Division. I have worked on various cases and audits for natural gas, electric, water, and 13
- wastewater public utilities and have supervised the staff of the Utilities Division in the 14
- 15 performance of their work on utility audits and various other matters, including rate cases
- and alternative rate mechanism filings. 16
- What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding? 0. 17
- 18 A. The purpose of my testimony is to present the forecast of the cost of service and
- related revenue deficiency for Aqua Green Utility, Inc. for the Attrition Period ending 19
- December 31, 2022, including the projected operating revenues, expenses, and taxes. 20
- The ratemaking calculations are presented in the TPUC Party Staff Exhibit, Schedules 21
- and Workpapers attached hereto. 22
- As reflected on TPUC Party Staff Exhibit, Schedule 2, the forecast of operating 23

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| 1 | revenues at present rates, expenses and taxes resulted in a net operating loss of \$6,712 |
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| 2 | for the Attrition Period.   |

- Q. Please explain the forecast of Operating Revenues at Present Rates for the Attrition Period.
- 5 A. Schedule 2, Lines 1-3 Wastewater Revenue Residential Customers, Commercial
  6 Customers and Sewer Access Fees \$44,542: This amount represents the forecasted
  7 Wastewater Revenue from Residential Customers, Commercial Customers and Sewer
  8 Access Fees the Company should realize during the Attrition Period, absent any rate
  9 relief.

To forecast wastewater service revenue, I first examined the Residential Customer billing information in the Test Period and performed a revenue price-out, as reflected on Workpaper 1.01. Based on information obtained from the Company, including current and projected housing starts, I determined that a reasonable allowance for customer growth through the Attrition Period would be four new residential customers. Based on this information, I calculated an Attrition Period figure of \$7,843 as reflected on Workpaper 1.01.

Similar to the revenues from Residential Customers, a revenue price-out was performed using the Test Period billing information for Commercial Customers, as shown on Workpaper 1.01. The Commercial Customers consist of two Loves Truck Stops, one which was in service during the entire Test Period and consists of a 3,000 gallon per day system, and one which was added to service in June 2021 and consists of a 10,000 gallon per day system. Based on information obtained from the Company, I determined that no new Commercial Customers were anticipated to be added to service during the Attrition

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Period. Based on the foregoing, I computed Attrition Period Commercial Service revenues of \$20,498, as reflected on Workpaper 1.01.

In determining the amount for the Annual Sewer Access Fees for the Attrition Period, I forecasted, based on the collections of prior access fees, as well as the status of the completion and availability of wastewater services for systems currently planned or under construction, that access fees would be collected from 135 lot owners during the Attrition Period. This results in projected access fees of \$16,200 at present rates, as reflected on Workpaper 1.03.

## 9 Q. Please explain the individual components of the Operating Expenses and Taxes forecast for the Attrition Period.

#### 11 A. Schedule 2, Line 4 – Sludge Removal Expense - \$9,500:

Based on information obtained from the Company, I determined that, due to the amount of solids contained in the waste stream, the sewage tanks at the two Loves Truck Stops would need to be pumped each month in order to provide sufficient wastewater services to those customers. The cost of pumping the 3,000 gallon per day system was determined to be \$300 monthly, and the cost of pumping the 10,000 gallon per day system was determined to be \$450 monthly. In addition, based on information obtained from the Company, I determined that, on average each year, the tanks of two residential customers need to be pumped at a cost of \$250 each. Based on this information, I forecasted \$9,500 for Sludge Removal Expense for the Attrition Period, as reflected on Workpaper 2.01.

Schedule 2, Line 5 – Purchased Power (Electric) Expense - \$8,935: To arrive at this amount, I first grew the Test Period Purchased Power Expense by an inflation factor to compute the Attrition Period expense for the Peninsula, Cedar Brooke, Stone Bridge, and

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McNairy Loves Truck Stop plants. All of these plants were in operation during the Test Period. To determine the Purchased Power Expense for the Bulls Gap Loves Truck Stop plant, I determined that a monthly power bill of \$300 would be appropriate by examining the power bills from June 2021, which is when this plant first began operating, through August 2021, which was the latest power bill available. I then applied an inflation factor to arrive at the Attrition Period forecast for the Bulls Gap plant. I then totaled the Attrition Year forecasts of the electric bills for the individual plants to arrive at a total Attrition year forecast of \$8,935, as reflected on Workpaper 2.01. Schedule 2, Line 6 – Materials and Supplies - \$286: I grew the Test Period amount by an inflation factor to arrive at the Attrition Period forecast of \$286, which is reflected on Workpaper 2.01. Schedule 2, Line 7 – Contract Services Accounting - \$1,434. Based on discussion with the Company, as well as historical information regarding the use of contract accountants, I determined that \$1,400 was a reasonable amount for contract accounting services for the Test Period. I then grew this amount by an inflation factor to arrive at the Attrition Period forecast of \$1,434, which is reflected on Workpaper 2.01. Schedule 2, Line 8 – Contract Services Testing - \$6,554: To arrive at this amount, I determined from information obtained from the Company that four plants require environmental testing and reporting each quarter at a cost of \$400 each, which produces an annual total of \$6,400. I then grew this amount by an inflation factor to arrive at the Attrition Period forecast of \$6,554. These calculations are shown on Workpaper 2.01. Schedule 2, Line 9 – Contract Services Other - \$4,484: This amount represents two principal items - monthly site visits to wastewater plants by contract personnel and

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website costs. With regard to website costs, the Test Period amounts were grown by an inflation factor to arrive at the Attrition Period forecast of \$305.34, as reflected on Workpaper 2.01 (lines 16 and 17). The contract services for monthly plant site visits were priced out based on information supplied by the Company, essentially paying one contractor \$100 per month for visits to two plants and paying another contractor \$240 per month for visits to other plants. Based on this information, and by applying an inflation factor, I computed the Attrition Year forecast for plant site visits to be \$4,178.33, as reflected on Workpaper 2.01 (lines 14 and 15).

**Schedule 2, Line 10 – Office Supplies and Expenses - \$500:** Based on discussions with the Company, and in consideration of the monthly billing and collection activity and general office administration, I determined that \$500 would be a reasonable projection of office supplies and expenses for the Attrition Period.

Schedule 2, Line 11 – Telephone and Communications - \$307: Based on information obtained from the Company, I determined that internet access should drop to about \$5 per month for each of five plants due to reconfiguration to the Company's internet services. I grew this amount by an inflation factor to arrive at the Attrition Period forecast of \$307 as reflected on Workpaper 2.01.

Schedule 2, Line 12 – Utility Expense - \$4,096: Based on information supplied by the Company, I determined that there are eight operating permits each year that must be maintained at a cost of \$350 each. Further, I determined that each plant also must have its permit updated and renewed every five years at a cost of \$750 each. Based on the annual costs to maintain the Company's operating permits, and the annualized cost of updating and renewing the Company's permits every five years, I computed the Attrition

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Period forecast for this expense item to be \$4,096 after application of an inflation factor. 1 2 These calculations are shown on Workpaper 2.01. Schedule 2, Line 13 – Regulatory Commission Expense - \$4,021: This expense item 3 includes filing costs, letter of credit costs to comply with the Commission's financial 4 security rule, and regulatory legal fees. I computed the Attrition Period forecast of \$4,021 5 by growing the Test Period amounts for these items by an inflation factor, as reflected on 6 Workpaper 2.01. 7 Schedule 2, Line 14 – Maintenance Expense - \$3,000: The Company had no provision 8 for routine maintenance in its Test Period amounts. Based on discussions with the 9 Company, in particular the history of service and repair calls from customers to restore 10 and maintain wastewater services, I determined that a reasonable provision of \$3,000 for 11 routine maintenance and repair expense should be included in the Attrition Period 12 forecast. 13 Schedule 2, Line 15 – Management Fee - \$2,458: The Company had no provision for 14 a management fee in its Test Period amounts. Based on discussions with the Company, 15 and in consideration of the Commission's allowance of reasonable management fees for 16

**Schedule 2, Line 16 – Property Tax - \$5,781:** As shown on Schedule 3, I projected a significant increase in property taxes, from a Test Period amount of \$2,009 to an Attrition Period forecast of \$5,781. The sharp increase in property taxes is due to increased

other, similar wastewater utilities in the calculation of base service rates, I determined

that a Test Period management fee of \$200 per month would be reasonable and

appropriate. I computed an Attrition Period forecast by applying an inflation factor to

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arrive at an annual Management Fee of \$2,458, as reflected on Workpaper 2.01.

assessments and rates for the Company's existing systems in Jefferson County, for which I reviewed the property tax assessment. In addition, I made an allowance for taxes on properties in Greene, Maury, and Williamson Counties which the Company did not have during the Test Period. The Greene County property relates to the new Bulls Gap Loves Truck Stop customer that came into service in June 2021, and the properties in Maury and Williamson Counties relate to systems under development in those counties but for which there are no current wastewater services or customers. Schedule 2, Line 20 – Utility Commission Fee - \$168: This is the amount is calculated by applying the statutory rate for the Commission's inspection fees to the Company's forecasted Attrition Period intrastate revenues, as reflected on Schedule 3. Schedule 2, Line 21 – State Excise Tax - \$(67): As reflected on Schedule 4, the State Excise Tax forecast was determined by applying the statutory tax rate to forecasted Attrition Period taxable income. Schedule 2, Line 22 – Federal Income Tax - \$(203): As reflected on Schedule 4, the Federal Income Tax forecast was determined by applying the statutory tax rate to forecasted Attrition Period taxable income. Items Eliminated: The following Test Period expenses were eliminated from the determination of the revenue deficiency in the Attrition Period because they represent nonrecurring items that are not anticipated to be incurred during the Attrition Period: \$742 road repair in the Peninsulas service territory; \$668 remote access charges; \$75 name change on letter of credit; and \$804 to update the plant router and sim cards. These ratemaking adjustments are reflected on Schedule 2 and Workpaper 2.01.

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- 1 Q. In addition to requesting an increase in wastewater service rates, the Company is
  2 also requesting authority to withdraw \$9,163 from its escrow account for certain
  3 expense and repair items. Have you reviewed the Company's escrow disbursement
  4 request?
- 5 A. Yes. The Company's escrow disbursement request relates to the following items:
- 6 1. Quarterly testing of wastewater systems for the Test Period \$4,800
- 7 2. Replacement of a grinder pump at McNairy Loves \$2,152

- 3. Replacement of controls at customer premise Stonebridge \$395
  - 4. Replacement of control system, pumps, riser and conduit box at customer premise
     Peninsulas \$1,816.

I have reviewed the invoices for these charges, as well as the accounting ledgers for Aqua Green Utility, and find that these items have not been charged to or recovered from the utility's operating account. I have also reviewed the escrow account reconciliation and related bank account statement and verified that there was a balance of \$20,151.48 in the escrow bank account as of September 2021, which is sufficient available funds to pay the \$9,163 escrow disbursement request.

The Commission's financial security rules for wastewater utilities, Rule 1220-04-13-.07(7), provides that after first receiving authorization from the Commission, a utility may use escrow to pay for or reimburse the utility for extraordinary operating expenses or for necessary capital projects, unless otherwise permitted by the Commission. Additionally, Rule 1220-04-13-.07(8) provides that the Commission may waive or modify the requirements of its wastewater rules for good cause shown, including but not limited to

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affordability of rates, minimization of rate shock or other operating characteristics of the utility.

In this case, the items requested for payment from escrow could not have been paid from the utility's operations without exacerbating its operating losses. As reflected on Schedule 2, I computed an adjusted Test Period operating loss of \$9,239 and a projected Attrition Period loss of \$6,712. Further, due to the very small customer base – fifteen current residential customers and two current commercial customers – individual customers would have to be assessed \$539 each to recover the cost of these items through a service rate or rider mechanism. Using existing escrow funds to recover the cost of these items would help keep service rates lower and, thus more affordable, and it provides a funding mechanism that limits substantial rate impacts to individual customers. In these particular circumstances, I recommend the Commission permit the Company to recover the cost of these items through a one-time, nonrecurring disbursement of \$9,163 from the Company's escrow account.

#### Does this conclude your testimony?

16 A. Yes it does.

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### **VERIFICATION**

| STATE OF TENNESSEE             | )  |
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| COUNTY OF DAVIDSON             | )  |
| behalf of TPUC Staff (As a     | ng duly sworn, state that I am authorized to make this verification on Party); that I have read the foregoing Pre-filed Direct Testimony of content thereof; and that the same are true and correct to the best of and belief. |
|                                | Michelle Mairs   |
|                                |  |
| Sworn to and subscribed before | ore me on the day of November, 2021.   |
|                                | Notary Public  |
| My Commission Expires:         | 3/8/2022   |

# BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

IN RE:



TPUC Party Staff EXHIBITS and WORKPAPERS

# Aqua Green Utility, Inc. Exhibits Directory For the 12 Months Attrition Period Ending December 31, 2022

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# Aqua Green Utility, Inc. Results of Operations - Operating Margin Method For the 12 Months Attrition Period Ending December 31, 2022

| Line | _  |             |              |
|------|--|-------------|--------------|
| 1    | Operating Income At Current Rates                                  |             | (\$6,712) A/ |
| 2    | Total Operating Expenses   | \$51,254 A/ |              |
| 3    | Less: Expenses Recoverable without application of Operating Margin |             |              |
| 4    | Management Fees  | \$2,458     |              |
| 5    | State Income Tax Expense   | (\$67)      |              |
| 6    | Federal Income Tax Expense   | (\$203)     |              |
|      |  | 49,066      |              |
| 7    | Operating Expenses Subject to Operating Margin                     |             |              |
| 3    | Fair Operating Margin  | 10.00% B/   |              |
| 4    | Required Operating Income  |             | 4,907        |
| 5    | Operating Income Deficiency/(Surplus)                              |             | \$11,619     |
| 6    | Gross Revenue Conversion Factor                                    |             | 1.353821 C/  |
| 7    | Revenue Deficiency (Operating Margin Method)                       |             | \$15,730     |
| 8    | Monthly Service Rate Average Percentage Increase                   |             | 35.32%       |

A/ Schedule 3

B/ Proposed operating margin

C/ Schedule 5

# Aqua Green Utility, Inc. Income Statement at Current Rates For the 12 Months Attrition Period Ending December 31, 2022

| Line | _                               | Test Period | _             | Adjustments | Adusted Test Period | Growth<br>Adjustments | Attrition Period |
|------|---------------------------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1    | Residential Revenue             | \$6,192     | <b>A</b> /    | \$0         | \$6,192             | \$1,651               | \$7,843 A/       |
| 2    | Commercial                      | 4,730       | A/            | 0           | 4,730               | 15,768                | 20,498 A/        |
| 3    | Access Fees                     | 16,200      | $\mathbf{B}/$ | 0           | 16,200              | 0                     | 16,200 B/        |
|      | <b>Total Operating Revenues</b> | \$27,122    | _             | \$0         | \$27,122            | \$17,419              | \$44,542         |
| 4    | Sludge Removal Expense          | \$2,150     | C/            | \$0         | \$2,150             | \$7,350               | \$9,500 C/       |
| 5    | Power Purchased (Electric)      | 5,454       | C/            | 3,270       | 8,724               | 210                   | 8,935 C/         |
| 6    | Materials & Supplies            | 279         | C/            | 0           | 279                 | 7                     | 286 C/           |
| 7    | Contract Services -Accounting   | 45          | C/            | 1,355       | 1,400               | 34                    | 1,434 C/         |
| 8    | Contract Services -Testing      | 0           | C/            | 6,400       | 6,400               | 154                   | 6,554 C/         |
| 9    | Contract Services -Other 3,989  | C/          | \$389         | 4,378       | 106                 | 4,484 C/              |                  |
| 10   | Office supplies & Expenses      | 957         | C/            | (668)       | 288                 | 212                   | 500 C/           |
| 11   | Telephone & Communications      | 938         | C/            | (638)       | 300                 | 7                     | 307 C/           |
| 12   | Utility Expense                 | 3,170       | C/            | 830         | 4,000               | 96                    | 4,096 C/         |
| 13   | Regulatory Commission Expense   | 4,001       | C/            | (75)        | 3,926               | 95                    | 4,021 C/         |
| 14   | Maintenance Expenses            | 804         | C/            | (\$804)     | 0                   | 3,000                 | 3,000 C/         |
| 15   | Management Fee                  | 0           | C/            | 2,400       | 2,400               | 58                    | 2,458 C/         |
| 16   | Property Tax                    | 2,009       | $\mathbf{D}/$ | 0           | 2,009               | 3,772                 | 5,781 D/         |
| 17   | Payroll Taxes                   | 0           |               | 0           | 0                   | 0                     | 0                |
| 18   | Gross Receipts Tax              | 0           |               | 0           | 0                   | 0                     | 0                |
| 19   | Franchise Tax                   | 0           |               | 0           | 0                   | 0                     | 0                |
| 20   | Utility Commission Fee          | 106         | $\mathbf{D}/$ | 0           | 106                 | 62                    | 168 D/           |
| 21   | State Excise Tax                | 0           |               | 0           | 0                   | (67)                  | (67)             |
| 22   | Federal Income Tax              | 1,740       | E/            | 0           | 0                   | (203)                 | (203) E/         |
| 23   | <b>Total Operating Expenses</b> | \$25,643    | _             | \$12,459    | \$36,362            | \$14,892              | \$51,254         |
| 24   | Net Operating Income/(Loss)     | \$1,480     | _             | (\$12,459)  | (\$9,239)           | \$2,527               | (\$6,712)        |

A/ Workpaper 1.01

B/ Workpaper 1.03

C/ Workpaper 2.01

D/ Schedule 3

E/ Schedule 4

# Aqua Green Utility, Inc. Taxes Other Than Income Tax Expense For the 12 Months Attrition Period Ending December 31, 2022

| Line |   | Test        |             | Attrition |
|------|---|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| No.  |   | Period      | Adjustments | Period    |
| 1    | Jefferson Trustee (Peninsulas and Stone Bridge) | \$1,153     | \$1,848     | \$3,001   |
| 2    | McNairy Trustee (McNairy Loves)                 | 385         | 63          | 448       |
| 3    | Maury Trustee (Cedar Brooke)                    | 471         | 0           | 471       |
| 4    | Greene Trustee (Loves Bulls Gap)                | 0           | 448         | 448       |
| 5    | Maury Trustee (Flat Creek)                      |             | 471         | 471       |
| 6    | Maury Trustee (Forest Trails)                   |             | 471         | 471       |
| 7    | Willamson Trustee (Bethesda Road)               |             | 471         | 471       |
| 8    | Property Taxes                                  | \$ 2,009.36 | \$2,359     | \$5,781   |
| 9    | Payroll Taxes                                   | \$0         | \$0         | \$0       |
| 10   | Gross Receipts Tax                              | 0           | 0           | 0         |
| 11   | Franchise Tax                                   | 0           | 0           | 0         |
| 12   | <b>Utility Commission Fee</b>                   | 100         | 68          | 168 A/    |
| 13   | <b>Total Taxes Other Than Income Taxes</b>      | \$2,109     | \$68        | \$5,949   |

A/ 2022 Revenues less 5,000 / 1000 \*4.25

# Aqua Green Utility, Inc. Income Tax Expense at Current Rates For the 12 Months Attrition Period Ending December 31, 2022

| Line | -  | Attrition Amount |
|------|--|------------------|
| 1    | Total Operating Revenues                         | \$44,542 A/      |
| 2    | Total Operating Expenses Before Excise Tax       | 45,575_A/        |
| 3    | NOI Before Tennessee Excise & Federal Income Tax | (\$1,033)        |
| 4    | Less Interest Expense                            | 0                |
| 5    | Pre-Tax Book Income                              | (\$1,033)        |
| 6    | Tennessee Excise Tax Rate                        | 6.50% B/         |
| 7    | Tennessee Excise Tax Expense                     | (\$67)           |
|      | Federal Income Tax Calculation:                  |                  |
| 8    | Net Income Before Income Taxes                   | (\$966)          |
| 9    | Federal Income Tax Rate                          | 21.00% B/        |
| 10   | Federal Income Tax Expense                       | (\$203)          |

A/ Schedule 2

B/ Statutory Rate

# Aqua Green Utility, Inc. Revenue Conversion Factor For the 12 Months Attrition Period Ending December 31, 2022

| Line |   | Amount     | Balance  |
|------|---|------------|----------|
| 1    | Operating Revenues                          |            | 1.000000 |
| 2    | State Excise Tax                            | 6.50% A/   | 0.065000 |
| 3    | Balance                                     |            | 0.935000 |
| 4    | Federal Income Tax                          | 21.000% B/ | 0.196350 |
| 5    | Balance                                     |            | 0.738650 |
| 6    | Revenue Conversion Factor (Line 1 / Line 5) |            | 1.353821 |

A/ Statutory State Excise Tax Rate of 6.50%.

B/ Statutory Federal Income Tax Rate of 21%.

# Aqua Green Utility, Inc. Income Statement at proposed Rates For the 12 Months Attrition Period Ending December 31, 2022

| Line | <u> </u>                        | Current<br>Rates | _      | Rate<br>Increase | Required<br>Rates |
|------|---------------------------------|------------------|--------|------------------|-------------------|
| 1    | Residential Revenue             | \$7,843          |        |                  |                   |
| 2    | Commercial                      | 20,498           |        |                  |                   |
| 3    | Access Fees                     | 16,200           |        |                  |                   |
|      | <b>Total Operating Revenues</b> | \$44,542         | =<br>= | \$15,730 A/      | \$60,271          |
| 4    | Sludge Removal Expense          | \$9,500          | D/     | 0                | \$9,500           |
| 5    | Power Purchased (Electric)      | \$8,935          | D/     | 0                | \$8,935           |
| 6    | Materials & Supplies            | \$286            | D/     | 0                | \$286             |
| 7    | Contract Services -Accounting   | \$1,434          | D/     | 0                | \$1,434           |
| 8    | Contract Services -Testing      | \$6,554          | D/     | 0                | \$6,554           |
|      | Contract Services -Other        | \$4,484          | D/     | 0                | \$4,484           |
| 9    | Office supplies & Expenses      | \$500            | D/     | 0                | \$500             |
| 10   | Telephone & Communications      | \$307            | D/     | 0                | \$307             |
| 11   | Utility Expense                 | \$4,096          | D/     | 0                | \$4,096           |
| 12   | Regulatory Commission Expense   | \$4,021          | D/     | 0                | \$4,021           |
| 13   | Maintenance Expenses            | \$3,000          | D/     | 0                | \$3,000           |
| 14   | Management Fee                  | \$2,458          | D/     | 0                | \$2,458           |
| 15   | Property Tax                    | \$5,781          | D/     | 0                | \$5,781           |
| 16   | Payroll Taxes                   | \$0              | D/     | 0                | \$0               |
| 17   | Gross Receipts Tax              | \$0              | D/     | 0                | \$0               |
| 18   | Franchise Tax                   | \$0              | D/     | 0                | \$0               |
| 19   | Utility Commission Fee          | \$168            | D/     | 0                | \$168             |
| 20   | State Excise Tax                | (\$67)           | D/     | 1,022 B/         | \$955             |
| 21   | Federal Income Tax              | (\$203)          | D/     | 3,089 C/         | \$2,886           |
| 22   | <b>Total Operating Expenses</b> | \$51,254         | -      | \$4,111          | \$55,365          |
| 23   | Net Operating Income/(Loss)     | (\$6,712)        | _      | \$11,619         | \$4,907           |

A/ Schedule 1.

B/ Schedule 1, Line 7 x Schedule 5, Line 2.

C/ Schedule 1, Line 7 x Schedule 5, Line 4.

D/ Schedule 2.

# Aqua Green Utility, Inc. Rate Design For the 12 Months Attrition Period Ending December 31, 2022

| <u>Line</u> |  | Attrition<br>Year<br><u>Determinates</u> | Current<br>Base<br><u>Rates</u> | Current<br>Escrow<br><u>Rates</u> | Current Operating Revenues | Current<br>Escrow<br><u>Revenues</u> | Proposed<br>Base<br><u>Rates</u> | Proposed<br>Escrow<br><u>Rates</u> | Proposed<br>Base<br><u>Revenues</u> | Proposed<br>Escrow<br><u>Revenues</u> | Base<br>Revenue<br><u>Increase</u> | Proposed<br>Combined<br>Increase % |
|-------------|--|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 2         | Residential (Rate Class 1) Commercial (Rate Class 2) | 228                                      | \$34.40                         | \$10.13                           | \$7,843                    | \$2,310<br>\$0                       | \$45.50                          | \$10.13                            | \$10,374                            | \$2,310                               | \$2,531                            | 24.9%                              |
| 3           | McNairy Loves  | 1,080                                    | 4.38                            | 1.37                              | \$4,730                    | \$1,480                              | 6.30                             | 1.37                               | \$6,804                             | \$1,480                               | \$2,074                            | 33.4%                              |
| 4           | Bulls Gap Loves                                      | 3,600                                    | 4.38                            | 1.37                              | \$15,768                   | \$4,932                              | 6.30                             | 1.37                               | \$22,680                            | \$4,932                               | \$6,912                            | 33.4%                              |
| 5           |  |  |                                 |                                   | \$28,342                   | \$8,721                              |                                  |                                    | \$39,858                            | \$8,721                               | \$11,516                           |                                    |
| 6           | Access Fee   | 135                                      | \$120.00                        |                                   | \$16,200                   |                                      | \$150.00                         |                                    | \$20,250                            |                                       | \$4,050                            | 25%                                |
|             |  |  |                                 |                                   |                            |                                      |                                  |                                    | Total Revenue<br>Revenue Decif      |                                       | \$15,566<br>\$15,730<br>(\$163)    | A/                                 |

A/ Schedule 1.

# Aqua Green Utility, Inc. Workpaper Directory For the 12 Months Attrition Period Ending December 31, 2022

| Line      |                  |      |
|-----------|------------------|------|
| Line<br>1 | Revenue Priceout | 1.01 |
| 2         | Escrow Priceout  | 1.02 |
| 3         | Access Fee       | 1.03 |
| 4         | O&M Expense      | 2.01 |
| 5         | Inflation        | 3.01 |

### Aqua Green Utility Inc.

Revenue Priceout

|                               | 2020<br>Test Period | Growth<br>Adjustment | 2022<br>Attr Period |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Residential (Rate Class 1)    |                     |                      |                     |
| Total Bills                   | 180 A/              | 48 B/                | 228                 |
| Base Rate                     | \$34.40             | \$34.40              | \$34.40             |
| Residential Base Revenue      | \$6,192.00          | \$1,651.20           | \$7,843.20          |
| Commercial (Rate Class 2)     |                     |                      |                     |
| Total Bills (McNairy Loves)   | 12                  |                      | 12                  |
| Base Rate                     | \$394.20 C/         |                      | \$394.20            |
| Total Bills (Bulls Gap Loves) |                     | 12                   | 12                  |
| Base Rate                     |                     | \$1,314.00 D/        | \$1,314.00          |
| Commercial Base Revenue       | \$4,730.40          | \$15,768.00          | \$20,498.40         |
| Total Revenues                | \$10,922.40         | \$17,419.20          | \$28,341.60         |

A/ Currently 15 customers in the Peninsula subdivision. (Total Bills = 15 customer \* 12month)

B/ Two (2) homes in the Peninsula subdivision under construction and 2 more due at the first of 2022. (4 new customer \* 12 month)

C/ McNairy Loves - Minimum bill is 90,000 Gallons

D/ Bulls Gap Loves - 10,000 gallon per day

### Aqua Green Utility Inc.

**Escrow Priceout** 

|                               | 2020<br>Test Period | Growth<br>Adjustment | 2022<br>Attr Period |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Residential                   |                     |                      |                     |
| Total Bills                   | 180 A/              | 48 B/                | 228                 |
| Escrow Rate                   | \$10.13             | \$10.13              | \$10.13             |
| Residential Escrow Revenue    | <u>\$1,823.40</u>   | \$486.24             | \$2,309.64          |
| Commercial                    |                     |                      |                     |
| Total Bills (McNairy Loves)   | 1,080 C/            |                      | 1,080               |
| Escrow Rate                   | \$1.37              |                      | \$1.37              |
| Total Bills (Bulls Gap Loves) |                     | 3,600                | 3,600               |
| Escrow Rate                   |                     | \$1.37               | \$1.37              |
| Commercial Escrow Revenue     | \$1,479.60          | <b>\$4,932.00</b> D/ | \$6,411.60          |
| Total Revenues                | \$3,303.00          | \$5,418.24           | \$8,721.24          |

<sup>\*</sup> Aqua Green has \$20,151.48 in their escrow account as of 9/30/2021.

A/ Currently 15 customers in the Peninsula subdivision. (Total Bills = 15 customer \* 12month)

B/ Two (2) homes in the Peninsula subdivision under construction and 2 more due at the first of 2022. (4 new customer \* 12 month)

C/ McNairy Loves - Minimum Fee : Minimum bill is 90,000 Gallons.

D/ Bulls Gap Loves - 10,000 gallon per day (300\*1.37=\$411/ per month)

### Aqua Green Utility Inc. Access Fee Priceout

|                | Test Period |
|----------------|-------------|
| Total Customer | 135         |
| Access Fee     | \$120       |
|                | 16,200      |

| Source : Profit & Loss Detail |
|-------------------------------|
|                               |

|                     |  |                | Test<br>Period               | A  | djustment | _              | Adjusted<br>est Period       | _        | Growth<br>actor A/ | :         | Attrition<br>Period |  |
|---------------------|--|----------------|------------------------------|----|-----------|----------------|------------------------------|----------|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|--|
| Line<br>1<br>2<br>3 | Sludge removal<br>Pump Septic Tank<br>Septic Pumping | \$<br>\$<br>\$ | 1,250.00<br>700.00<br>200.00 |    | _         | \$<br>\$<br>\$ | 1,250.00<br>700.00<br>200.00 | \$       | 8,250.00           | \$        | 9,500.00            | Bulls Gap Loves add \$450 monthly McNairy Loves \$300 monthly Residential \$500 -a couple of houses per year |
| 4                   | Sludge Removal Expense                               | \$             | 2,150.00                     | \$ | -         | \$             | 2,150.00                     | \$       | 8,250.00           | \$        | 9,500.00            | -  |
|                     |  |                | · ·                          |    | _         |                | · ·                          |          | · ·                |           |                     | _  |
| 5                   | Peninsula Plant                                      | \$             | 563.99                       |    |           | \$             | 563.99                       | \$       | 13.59              | \$        | 577.58              |  |
| 6                   | Cedar Brooke Plant                                   | \$             | 516.79                       |    |           | \$             | 516.79                       | \$       | 12.45              | \$        | 529.24              |  |
| 7                   | Stone Bridge Plant                                   | \$             | 385.81                       |    |           | \$             | 385.81                       | \$       | 9.30               | \$        | 395.11              |  |
| 8                   | McNairy Loves Plant                                  | \$             | 3,657.81                     | Φ  | 2 270 00  | \$             | 3,657.81                     | \$       | 88.15              | \$        | 3,745.96            | Dulle Con Leves and \$200 monthly  |
| 9                   | Bulls Gap Plant                                      | \$             | 330.00                       | \$ | 3,270.00  | <u>\$</u>      | 3,600.00                     | \$       | 86.76              | <u>\$</u> |                     | Bulls Gap Loves add \$300 monthly  |
| 10                  | Power Purchased (Electric)                           | _Ф_            | 5,454.40                     | \$ | 3,270.00  | _\$_           | 8,724.40                     | \$       | 210.26             | \$        | 8,934.66            | _  |
| 11                  | Materials & Supplies                                 | \$             | 279.22                       | \$ |           | \$             | 279.22                       | \$       | 6.73               | \$        | 285.95              | 2020 - \$35.95 bank Chekcs and \$243.27 Sign Replacement - Non-recurring                                     |
| 12                  | <b>Contract Services -Accounting</b>                 | \$             | 45.00                        | \$ | 1,355.00  | \$             | 1,400.00                     | \$       | 33.74              | \$        | 1,433.74            | <del>-</del><br>-  |
| 13                  | Contract Services -Testing                           | \$             |                              | \$ | 6,400.00  | \$             | 6,400.00                     | \$       | 154.24             | \$        | 6,554.24            | \$1,600 per qtr (4 plants * \$400 each)  |
|                     |  |                |                              |    |           |                |                              |          |                    |           |                     |  |
| 14                  | Plant Visits - Lori Zebley                           | \$             | 549.00                       | \$ | 651.00    | \$             | 1,200.00                     | \$       | 28.92              | \$        |                     | \$50 per visit/month -add Bulls Gap Loves \$50 monthly   |
| 15                  | Plant Visits - Sam Frazier                           | \$             | 2,400.00                     | \$ | 480.00    | \$             | 2,880.00                     | \$       | 69.41              | \$        |                     | \$240 per visit/month  |
| 16                  | Website cost - Dreamhost                             | \$             | 11.95                        | \$ | -         | \$             | 11.95                        | \$       | 0.29               | \$        | 12.24               |  |
| 17                  | Web Hosting - Dreamhost                              | \$             | 286.20                       | \$ | -         | \$             | 286.20                       | \$       | 6.90               | \$        | 293.10              |  |
| 18                  | Replace pump control panel                           | \$             | -                            | \$ | -         | \$             | -                            | \$       | -                  | \$        | -                   | Non-recurring 2020 - \$2,152.01 Advanced Septic is holding invoices until the utility is more                |
| 19                  | Road Repair Peninsulas                               | \$             | 742.00                       | \$ | (742.00)  | \$             |                              | \$       | -                  | \$        | -                   | Non-recurring capable of paying invoices.  |
| 20                  | Contract Services -Other                             | \$             | 3,989.15                     | \$ | 389.00    | \$             | 4,378.15                     | \$       | 105.51             | \$        | 4,483.66            | <del>-</del>   |
| 21                  | Office supplies & Expenses                           | \$             | 956.70                       | \$ | (668.30)  | \$             | 288.40                       | \$       | 211.60             | \$        | 500.00              | Non-recurring 2020-Remote Access \$668.30  |
|                     | от от разрания и дариния                             | <u> </u>       |                              |    | (cccic)   |                |                              | <u> </u> |                    | <u> </u>  |                     |  |
| 22                  | Telephone & Communications                           | \$             | 938.00                       | \$ | (638.00)  | \$             | 300.00                       | \$       | 7.23               | \$        | 307.23              | Plant Internet should drop to about \$5 per month per plant *5 plants (routers)                              |
|                     |  |                |                              |    |           |                |                              |          |                    |           |                     |  |
| 22                  | Litility Evnance                                     | Ф.             | 3,170.00                     | Ф. | 830.00    | \$             | 4,000.00                     | \$       | 96.40              | Φ         | 4 006 40            | Annual -\$350 each for 8 SOP Permits,  |
| 23                  | Utility Expense                                      | Ψ              | 3,170.00                     | Ψ  | 630.00    | Ψ              | 4,000.00                     | Ψ        | 90.40              | φ         | 4,090.40            | Every 5 years \$750 for update each plant permit (750*8/5)   |
|                     |  |                |                              |    |           |                |                              |          |                    |           |                     | Every 3 years \$730 for aparate each plant permit (730 0/3)  |
| 24                  | Filing   |                | 179.6                        | \$ | _         | \$             | 179.60                       | \$       | 4.33               | \$        | 183.93              |  |
| 25                  | Letter of Credit                                     | \$             | 521.78                       | \$ | _         | φ              | 521.78                       | \$       | 12.57              | Ψ         | 534.35              |  |
| 26                  | Change name on LOC                                   | Ψ              | 75.00                        | \$ | (75.00)   | φ              | 521.70                       | φ        | 12.01              | φ         | -                   | Non-recurring Change name on LOC   |
| 27                  | Lawyer   | \$             | 3,225.00                     | \$ | (75.00)   | \$             | 3,225.00                     | \$       | 77.72              | \$        | 3,302.72            |  |
| 28                  | Regulatory Commission Expense                        | \$             | 4,001.38                     | \$ | (75.00)   | \$             | 3,926.38                     | \$       | 94.63              | \$        | 4,021.01            |  |
| 20                  | galatory commission Expense                          | Ψ              | 1,001.00                     | Ψ  | (10.00)   | Ψ_             | 0,020.00                     | Ψ        | J-1.00             | Ψ         | 1,02 1.0 1          | _  |
| 29                  | Maintenance Expenses                                 | \$             | 803.64                       | \$ | (803.64)  | \$             |                              | \$       | 3,000.00           | \$        | 3,000.00            | Non-recurring 2020- \$632.82 Update Plant Router and \$155.82 Sim cards - Nonrecurring                       |
|                     | •  |                |                              |    | , ,       |                |                              |          |                    | <u> </u>  |                     | add \$3,000 annual expense for a maintenance and repair allowance  |
| 30                  | Management Fee                                       | \$             | -                            | \$ | 2,400.00  | \$             | 2,400.00                     | \$       | 57.84              | \$        | 2,457.84            | \$200 per month  |
|                     |  |                |                              |    |           |                |                              |          |                    |           |                     | <u>_</u>   |
| 31                  | Total Operating Expense                              | \$             | 21,787.49                    | \$ | 12,459.06 | \$             | 34,246.55                    | \$       | 12,228.18          | \$        | 45,574.73           | _  |

### **Aqua Green, Inc.**Calculation of Inflation

### For the 12 Months Attrition Period Ending December 31, 2022

|             |                          | ATTR YR       |            |              |          |  |  |  |
|-------------|--------------------------|---------------|------------|--------------|----------|--|--|--|
| <b>YEAR</b> | 1/1 - 3/31               | 4/1 - 6/30    | 7/1 - 9/30 | 10/1 - 12/31 | GDP IDP  |  |  |  |
| 2019        | 111.514                  | 112.152       | 112.517    | 112.978      | 112.2903 |  |  |  |
| 2020        | 113.346                  | 112.859       | 113.888    | 114.439      | 113.6330 |  |  |  |
| AVERAGE     | E GDP DEFLATOR           | FOR YEAR 2020 |            |              | 1.20%    |  |  |  |
| Two-Year    | vo-Year Inflation Factor |               |            |              |          |  |  |  |

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, Table 1.1.9 (information available as of September, 2021).

A/ This number represents the GDP deflator compounded for 12 months of 2021 and 12 months in 2022.