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RE: Petition of Tennessee-American Water Company in Support of the Calculation of the 2022 Capital Recovery Riders Reconciliation, Docket No. 22-00021

Dear Chairman Hill:

Attached for filing please find *Tennessee American Water Company's Response to DR 1-21 in the First Discovery Requests of the Consumer Advocate* in the above-captioned matter.

As required, one (1) hard copy of this filing 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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Attachments

cc: Tricia Sinopole, TAWC

Karen H. Stachowski, Consumer Advocate Unit Vance Broemel, Consumer Advocate Unit

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:)	
)	
PETITION OF TENNESSEE-AMERICAN)	
WATER COMPANY REGARDING)	
CHANGES TO THE QUALIFIED)	
INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT)	
PROGRAM RIDER, THE ECONOMIC)	DOCKET NO. 22-00021
DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT RIDER,)	
AND THE SAFETY AND)	
ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE)	
RIDER AND IN SUPPORT OF THE)	
CALCULATION OF THE 2022 CAPITAL)	
RECOVERY RIDERS RECONCILIATION)	

TENNESSEE-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY'S RESPONSES TO FIRST DISCOVERY REQUESTS OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE

Tennessee-American Water Company ("TAWC"), by and through counsel, hereby submits its Responses to the First Discovery Requests propounded by the Consumer Advocate Unit in the Financial Division of the Attorney General's Office ("Consumer Advocate").

GENERAL OBJECTIONS

- 1. TAWC objects to all requests that seek information protected by the attorneyclient privilege, the work-product doctrine and/or any other applicable privilege or restriction on disclosure.
- 2. TAWC objects to the definitions and instructions accompanying the requests to the extent the definitions and instructions contradict, are inconsistent with, or impose any obligations beyond those required by applicable provisions of the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure or the rules, regulations, or orders of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission ("TPUC" or "Authority").

- 3. The specific responses set forth below are based on information now available to TAWC, and TAWC reserves the right at any time to revise, correct, add to or clarify the objections or responses and supplement the information produced.
- 4. TAWC objects to each request to the extent that it is unreasonably cumulative or duplicative, speculative, unduly burdensome, irrelevant or seeks information obtainable from some other source that is more convenient, less burdensome or less expensive.
- 5. TAWC objects to each request to the extent it seeks information outside TAWC's custody or control.
- 6. TAWC's decision, now or in the future, to provide information or documents notwithstanding the objectionable nature of any of the definitions or instructions, or the requests themselves, should not be construed as: (a) a stipulation that the material is relevant or admissible, (b) a waiver of TAWC's General Objections or the objections asserted in response to specific discovery requests, or (c) an agreement that requests for similar information will be treated in a similar manner.
- 7. TAWC objects to those requests that seek the identification of "any" or "all" documents or witnesses (or similar language) related to a particular subject matter on the grounds that they are overbroad and unduly burdensome and exceed the scope of permissible discovery.
- 8. TAWC objects to those requests that constitute a "fishing expedition," seeking information that is not relevant or reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence and is not limited to this matter.
- 9. TAWC does not waive any previously submitted objections to the Consumer Advocate's discovery requests.

TENNESSEE AMERICAN WATER COMPANY DOCKET NO. 22-00021 FIRST DISCOVERY REQUEST OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE AND PROTECTION DIVISION

Responsible Witness: Tricia Sinopole

Question:

- **1-21.** Refer to the <Petitioner's Exhibit Capital Riders Reconciliation TNS> file and specifically line 20 of the "Exhibit Reconciliation" tab and respond to the following:
 - a. Provide the underlying supporting calculation for these credits;
 - b. Indicate whether previously capitalized incentive compensation costs recorded prior to 2021 have been removed from the proposed Capital Rider rate base;
 - c. If such costs have been removed from the prior rate base, identify how and where such amounts have been removed;
 - d. If previously capitalized incentive compensation costs have not been removed from the proposed rate base in this proceeding, identify the amount of such capitalized costs remaining in rate base by year, further identified by type of capitalized incentive;
 - e. Identify the amount of incentive compensation capitalized into rate base during the review period; and
 - f. Has the company removed and/or identified any pension costs capitalized into rate base during the review period?

Response:

- a. Please see TAW_R_CAPDDR1_021_042622_Attachment 1.xlsx.
- b. Capitalized incentive compensation costs from 2013 to 2016 have been removed from the revenue requirement as reflected on line 20 of the "Exhibit Reconciliation" and shown in the attachment to Part A. Inadvertently, the service company piece for 2017 to 2021 had not been removed from the proposed Capital Rider rate base. Please see attachment TAW_R_CAPDDR1_021_050322_Attachment 2.xlsx for TAWC's proposed adjustment to the revenue requirement for these years. For 2017 and 2018, TAWC removed 50 percent of the capitalized portion of service company incentive compensation, as authorized in those years. From 2019 to 2021, TAWC has removed 100 percent of the capitalized portion of

service company as ordered in Docket No. 2018-00022, where TAWC was ordered to exclude 100 percent of incentive compensation for service company in the earnings test and subsequently any capitalized portion in the capital riders.

- c. Please see the attachment to Part A for the amounts removed for 2013 to 2016.
- d. Please see the table below for the capitalized incentive compensation costs from 2017-2021. Note, the amounts provided reflect total capitalized incentive compensation for service company for those years. Please see TAW_R_CAPDDR1_021_050322_Attachment 2.xlsx for additional detail.

			Actual Amount
	Annual	Long Term	of Performance
	Performance	Performance	Compensation
Year	Plan	Plan	Capitalized
2021	\$102,150	\$0	\$102,150
2020	70,763	2,895	73,657
2019	23,982	0	23,982
2018	16,128	158	16,285
2017	10,993	0	10,993
Total	\$224,016	\$3,052	\$227,068

- e. Please refer to the table provided in subpart D. The review period is for the 2021 test year, which had a total of \$102,150 of incentive compensation capitalized in 2021.
- f. No, the Company has not identified or removed any capitalized portion of pensions costs in this proceeding.

		Long Term		Actual Amount of Performance
Year	Annual Performance Plan	Performance Plan	Total	Compensation Capitalized
2016	\$464,044	\$57,709	\$521,753	\$60,844
2015	267,852	38,811	306,663	46,737
2014	147,822	30,535	178,357	38,826
2013	143,533	34,638	178,171	67,630
Total	\$1,023,251	\$161,693	\$1,184,944	\$214,037

Year 2016 2015 2014 2013	50% of Annual Performance Plan \$232,022 133,926 73,911 71,767		Labor Capitalization Rate \$68,052 40,285 21,456	Actual Amount of Performance Compensation Capitalized \$60,844 46,737 38,826 67,630	Adjustment to Capital for Performance Compensation \$0 6,452 17,370 52,107	Revenue Reduction Calculation for 2013	Revenue Reduction Calculation for 2014 (1) 17,370 52,107	Revenue Reduction Calculation for 2015 (1) 6,452 17,370 52,107	Revenue Reduction Calculation for 2016 (1) \$0 6,452 17,370 52,107	Revenue Reduction Calculation for 2017 (1) \$0 6,452 17,370 52,107	Revenue Reduction Calculation for 2018 (1) \$0 6,452 17,370 52,107	Revenue Reduction Calculation for 2019 (1) \$0 6,452 17,370 52,107	Revenue Reduction Calculation for 2020 (2) \$0 6,452 17,370 52,107	Revenue Reduction Calculation for 2021 \$0 6,452 17,370 52,107	
Total	\$511,626		\$145,316	\$214,037	\$75,929	\$52,107	\$69,477	\$75,929	\$75,929	\$75,929	\$75,929	\$75,929	\$75,929	\$75,929	
		Pre-Tax Authorized Pre-Tax Reduction			<u>.</u>	9.454% 4,926.38	9.454% 6,568.57	9.454% 7,178.58	9.454% 7,178.58	9.454% 7,178.58	8.451% 6,417.07	8.451% 6,417.07	8.451% 6,417.07	8.451% 6,417.07	
		Depreciation Expen	se Reduction:	2.22%		1,154.17	1,538.91	1,681.83	1,681.83	1,681.83	1,681.83	1,681.83	1,681.83		composite rate based on 2016 actual depr expense over actual additions
		Property and Franc	hise Taxes Reduction:		-	704.34	939.13	1,026.34	1,026.34	1,026.34	1,026.34	1,026.34	1,026.34	1,026.34	same as 2016 recon filing
		Revenue Reduction	:		- -	6,784.89	9,046.61	9,886.74	9,886.74	9,886.74	9,125.23	9,125.23	9,125.23	9,125.23	
		Revenue Taxes		-		3.191%	3.191%	3.191%	3.191%	3.191%	3.191%	3.191%	3.191%	3.191%	
		Total Revenues with	h Revenue Taxes Reduction		\$56,417.26	\$7,008.54	\$9,344.81	\$10,212.63	\$10,212.63	\$10,212.63	\$9,426.02	\$9,426.02	\$9,426.02	\$9,426.02	
			QIIP	48.36% 1.78%	\$4,558 168	\$0 0	\$0 0	\$0 0	\$0 0	\$0 0	\$0 0	\$0 0	\$0 0	\$4,558 168	% from total actual revenue requirement filed for 2016 reconciliation % from total actual revenue requirement filed for 2016 reconciliation % from total actual revenue requirement filed
			SEC	49.86%	4,700	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		for 2016 reconciliation
Total Revenues with Revenue Taxes Reduction in this Filling					\$9,426	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$9,426	

⁽¹⁾ These amounts from 2014-2019 have been zeroed out to reflect the revenue reduction being included in the 2019 reconciliation rate from docket #20-00028.
(2) These amounts from 2020 have been zeroed out to reflect the revenue reduction being included in the 2020 Capital Recovery Riders from Docket No. 19-00105

Tennessee American Water Company
Qualified Infrastructure Improvement Program Rider (QIIP)
Economic Development Investment Rider (EDI)
Safety and Environmental Compliance Rider (SEC)
Reduction for Capitalized Performance Compensation

					Service Company Capitalized						
		Long Term		Actual Amount of Performance Compensation		Annual	Long Term		Actual Amount of Performance Compensation		
Year	Annual Performance Plan	Performance Plan	Total	Capitalized	Year	Performance Plan	Performance Plan	Total	Capitalized		
2021	\$513,949	\$46,027	\$559,976	\$102,150	2021	\$102,150	\$0	\$102,150	\$102,150		
2020	470,816	4,819	\$475,635	73,657	2020	70,763	2,895	73,657	73,657		
2019	304,244	(51)	\$304,194	23,982	2019	23,982	0	23,982	23,982		
2018	306,660	65,794	\$372,454	16,285	2018	16,128	158	16,285	16,285		
2017	369,360	49,280	\$418,640	10,993	2017	10,993	0	10,993	10,993		
Total	\$1,965,030	\$165,869	\$2,130,899	\$227,068	Total	\$224,016	\$3,052	\$227,068	\$227,068		

Year	Allowed Portion of Annual Performance Plan (50% through 2018)	Percentage of Capitalized Wages	Allowed Portion of APP multiplied by Labor Capitalization Rate	Actual Amount of Performance Compensation Capitalized	Adjustment to Capital for Performance Compensation	Revenue Reduction Calculation for 2017	Revenue Reduction Calculation for 2018	Revenue Reduction Calculation for 2019	Revenue Reduction Calculation for 2020	Revenue Reduction Calculation for 2021	Notes
2021	\$0	36.57%	\$0	\$102,150	\$102,150	-				\$102,150	
2020	0	31.10%	0	73,657	73,657				73,657	73,657	
2019	0	33.23%	0	23,982	23,982			23,982	23,982	23,982	
2018	153,330	33.48%	51,331	16,285	0		0	0	0	0	
2017	184,680	34.20%	63,169	10,993	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Total	\$338,010		\$114,500	\$227,068	\$199,790	\$0	\$0	\$23,982	\$97,639	\$199,790	
		Pre-Tax Authorized Pre-Tax Reduction o				9.454% 0.00	8.451% 0.00	8.451% 2,026.86	8.451% 8,251.95	8.451% 16,885.15	
		Depreciation Expens	se Reduction:	2.62%		0.00	0.00	628.34	2,558.15	5,234.50	composite rate based on 2021 actual Capital Riders depr expense over actual Capital Riders additions
		Property and Franch	nise Taxes Reduction:		. <u>-</u>	0.00	0.00	324.02	1,319.18	2,699.30	per 2021 Capital Riders filing
		Revenue Reduction:				0.00	0.00	2,979.22	12,129.28	24,818.95	<u>.</u>
		Revenue Taxes				3.191%	3.191%	3.191%	3.191%	3.191%	
		Total Revenues with	Revenue Taxes Reduction	ı	\$41,243.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,077.42	\$12,529.08	\$25,637.03	
			QIIP EDI SEC	64.62% 5.29% 30.09%	\$26,651.57 2,181.79 12,410.18	\$0.00 0.00 0.00	\$0.00 0.00 0.00	\$1,988.63 162.80 926.00	\$8,096.29 662.79 3,770.00	1,356.20	from total actual revenue requirement filed for 2021 reconciliation % from total actual revenue requirement filed for 2021 reconciliation % from total actual revenue requirement filed for 2021 reconciliation
		Total Revenues with	Revenue Taxes Reduction	n in this Filing	\$41,243.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,077.43	\$12,529.08	\$25,637.03	<u> </u>

STATE OF	<u>Tennessee</u>	.)
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COUNTY OF	Hamilton	.)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned, duly commissioned and qualified in and for the State and County aforesaid, personally came and appeared Tricia Sinopole, being by me first duly swom deposed and said that:

She is appearing as a witness on behalf of Tennessee-American Water Company before the Tennessee Public Utility Commission, and duly sworn, verifies that the data requests and discovery responses are accurate to the best of her knowledge.

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this 25 day of April , 2022.

My Commission Expires: 10/20/2024

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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This the 3rd day of May 2022.

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