

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**JOINT PETITION OF SUPERIOR
WASTEWATER SYSTEMS, LLC AND
TPUC STAFF (AS A PARTY) TO
INCREASE RATES AND CHARGES**

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DOCKET NO. 22-00087

**DIRECT TESTIMONY
of
JOHN POWELL**

ON BEHALF OF SUPERIOR WASTEWATER SYSTEMS, LLC

September 9, 2022

1 ***Q1. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS FOR THE***
2 ***RECORD.***

3 ***A1.*** My name is John Powell and my business address is 9539 Mullens Road,
4 Arrington, TN 37014.

6 ***Q2. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?***

7 ***A2.*** I am the owner and president of Superior Wastewater Systems, LLC (“SWS”) a
8 provider of wastewater utility service, regulated by this Commission.

10 ***Q3. WHAT ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SWS?***

11 ***A3.*** I am responsible for the day-to-day operation, permitting, and long-term planning.
12 Among other things, this includes supervision of the system; review and approval
13 of expenditures; reviewing and resolving customer issues; scoping and obtaining
14 proposals for maintenance work; establishment of contracts; contact with
15 regulatory personnel on existing and future permit requirements and issues;
16 preparation of portions of and review of tariff documents; investigation of
17 physical and operational conditions of the distribution systems; and evaluation of
18 proposals for plant upgrades and replacement.

20 ***Q4. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS***
21 ***PROCEEDING?***

22 ***A4.*** My testimony will support and address the Joint Petition of SWS and the TPUC
23 Staff (as a Party) to increase rates and charges (“the Joint Petition”). My

1 testimony also provides the support for SWS' request to remove the provision for
2 Access Fee charges from our tariff.

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4 ***Q5. MR. POWELL, PLEASE DESCRIBE THE RATE CHANGE PROPOSED***
5 ***BY SWS IN THE JOINT PETITION.***

6 ***A5.*** As shown on the TPUC Staff Exhibits and Workpapers to the Joint Petition, the
7 increase to base rates is approximately \$78,000. The \$78,000 increase in base
8 rates is necessary for SWS to adequately cover its operating expenses and is
9 addressed in more detail in the TPUC Staff's testimony.

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11 ***Q6. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE CHANGE IN SEWER SYSTEM ACCESS FEES***
12 ***THAT SWS IS REQUESTING.***

13 ***A6.*** SWS has a provision in its tariff that provides for an annual \$84.00 Access Fee for
14 each property parcel which is provided a tap or the availability of a tap. However,
15 SWS has never implemented this rate to any homebuilders because our taps are
16 not installed until the constructed home is almost fully complete and ready for
17 sale. As a result, there is only a minimal time between when a sewer tap is
18 provided, and the home becomes occupied. We are therefore asking the
19 Commission to remove the provision for Access Fee charges from our tariff.

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21 ***Q7. PLEASE SUMMARIZE THE COMPANY'S REQUESTED RELIEF FROM***
22 ***THE COMMISSION.***

1 **A7.** SWS requests that the Commission approve the rate design recommended in the
2 Joint Petition. SWS is also asking the Commission to remove the provision for
3 Access Fee charges from our tariff.

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5 **Q8. *DOES THIS COMPLETE YOUR TESTIMONY?***

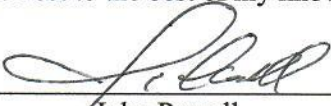
6 **A8.** Yes, it does.

VERIFICATION

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF WILLIAMSON

I, John Powell hereby declare under penalty of perjury, that I am the Owner and General Manager of Superior Wastewater Systems, LLC; that I am authorized to make this verification on behalf of Superior Wastewater Systems, LLC; that I have read the foregoing Direct Testimony of John Powell; and that the facts stated therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.



John Powell

Sworn to and subscribed before me the 9th day of September 2022.



Notary Public



My commission expires: 3-22-26