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Hon. David Jones, Chairman c/o Ectory Lawless, Docket Room Manager Tennessee Public Utility Commission 502 Deaderick Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Nashville, TN 37243 TPUC.DocketRoom@tn.gov

RE: Petition of Tennessee-American Water Company to Modify Tariff, Change and Increase Charges, Fees, and Rates, and for Approval of a General Rate Increase, TPUC Docket No. 24-00032

Dear Chairman Jones:

Attached for filing please find *Tennessee-American Water Company's Supplemental Response to Consumer Advocate's Discovery Request No. 1-90* in the above-captioned matter.

The Company is supplementing its Original Response to CAD DR 1-90 to correct an error discovered in responding to the Consumer Advocate in CAD 3-18.

As required, the original plus four (4) hard copies will follow. Should you have any questions concerning this filing, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

**BUTLER SNOW LLP** 

Melvin J. Malone

Attachments

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# TENNESSEE AMERICAN WATER COMPANY TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION DOCKET NO. 24-00032 FIRST DISCOVERY REQUEST OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE DIVISION

Responsible Witness: John Watkins

#### Question:

1-90. Refer to the File <TAWC 2024 Rate Case – Shared Services Exhibit.xlsx>, Tab "Exhibit" (Petitioner's Exhibit EXP-8-Support Services-JW) and respond to the following:

- a. Provide a copy of all underlying documentation supporting the adjustments made on lines 5-13 of this schedule. This response should include a full description of the nature and justification for each adjustment;
- Provide a copy of all underlying documentation supporting the adjustments made on lines 21-23 of this schedule. This response should include a full description of the nature and justification for each adjustment; and
- c. Reconcile and/or differentiate the adjustments to labor reflected as Test Year Adjustments and Attrition Year adjustments within account 53401000 (\$151,159 and \$154,465, respectively) as reflected in the "Link Out" tab, to the "Apply Merit Increases and Inflation" through 2024 (\$303,912) and "Apply Merit Increases and Inflation" through 2025 (\$259,414) as reflected in the Exhibit tab.

## Supplemental Response:

a-b. The Company is supplementing its original response to CAD 1-90 to correct an error discovered in responding to the Consumer Advocate in CAD 3-18. An issue was discovered where adjustments for Long-Term Performance Pay (LTPP) were coded to the Severance account 50185000 as well as the Overnight Shipping account 52562500 in error.

Please refer to TAW\_R\_CADDR1\_090\_062524\_Revised Attachment CONFIDENTIAL (Excel format only).

c. Please see table below for an updated reconciliation.

Amount	Description
\$29,902	2 Normalized merit increase - Merit increase (Labor), based on trend, for all functions with an effective date April 2023.
6,997	Normalized merit increase - Merit increase (Labor Related), based on trend, for all functions with an effective date April 2023.
145,301	Merit increase (Labor), based on 3.94% average merit for 2024
34,022	Merit increase (Labor Related), based on 3.94% average merit for 2024
87,688	Adjustment for average Service Company expense growth - 3-Year Average Inflation Factor
\$303,912	2 Exhibit Tab Total - line 9
\$134,842	2 Merit increase (Labor), based on 3-Year average (2022-2024).
31,103	Merit increase (Labor Related), based on 3-Year average (2022-2024).
93,495	Adjustment for average Service Company expense growth - 3-Year Average Inflation Factor
\$259,440	Exhibit Tab Total - line 22
	2 Labor Adjustments
	) Adjustment to remove severance
	Employee Movement - Labor
145,301	Merit increase eff 1/8/24
41,633	LTPP Expense Adjustment
\$153,932	2 Link Out Total - ties back to Adjustments Data tab
	2 Merit Increase eff 1/13/2025
27,139	LTPP Expense Adjustment
\$161.981	Link Out Total - ties back to Adjustments Data tab

# Response:

- a-b. Please refer to TAW\_R\_CADDR1\_090\_062524\_Attachment CONFIDENTIAL (Excel format only) for supporting documentation made on the lines requested.
- c. Please see table below for a reconciliation of the adjustments. Please note that the two sets of numbers will not tie as account 53401000 is related to Labor OPEX only and the amounts being asked to be reconciled include adjustments for inflation which are recorded to other accounts such as Group Insurance and Other Benefits.

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# BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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### **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF <u>Tennessee</u>)

COUNTY OF Hamilton)

I, ROBERT C. LANE, being duly sworn, state that I am authorized to testify on behalf of Tennessee-American Water Company in the above-referenced docket, that if present before the Commission and duly sworn, verifies that the data requests and discovery responses are accurate to the best of my knowledge.

ROBERT C. LANE

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 33 day of Angust, 2024.

Notary Public

My Commission expires: 2/28/28



#### 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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