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

IN RE:	)	
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PETITION OF TENNESSEE-AMERICAN	)	
WATER COMPANY REGARDING THE	)	<b>DOCKET NO. 25-00002</b>
2025 PRODUCTION COSTS AND OTHER	)	
PASS-THROUGHS RIDER	)	

### CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY OF WILLIAM H. NOVAK

The Consumer Advocate Division of the Office of the Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate") hereby moves for leave to file the Supplemental Testimony of William H. Novak on the issue of the Production Costs and Other Pass-Throughs ("PCOP") on the ground that the Tennessee Public Utility Commission's *Order Setting Utility Rates*<sup>1</sup> of April 21, 2025 in TPUC Docket No. 24-00032 adopts a new base rate revenue amount of \$71,219,856. This base revenue amount of \$71,219,856 did not exist in any Commission Order at the time of William H. Novak's pre-filed testimony. Also in the *Order Setting Utility Rates*, the Commission rejected TAWC's argument about a distinction of between "unaccounted for water" and "non-revenue water," and it reconfirmed the 15% standard for lost and unaccounted for water first adopted in the 2008 rate case.<sup>2</sup> Accordingly, the Consumer Advocate respectfully requests the Commission to grant this Motion.

A copy of the Supplemental Testimony is attached.

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Order Setting Utility Rates, p. 17, TPUC Docket No. 24-00032 (April 21, 2025).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> *Id.* at p. 21.

#### RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via electronic mail provided upon:

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## BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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# SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY of WILLIAM H. NOVAK

ON BEHALF OF

THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE DIVISION
OF THE
OFFICE OF THE TENNESSEE ATTORNEY GENERAL

April 24, 2025

2		OCCUPATION FOR THE RECORD.
3	A1.	My name is William H. Novak. My business address is 19 Morning Arbor Place,
4		The Woodlands, TX, 77381. I am the President of WHN Consulting, a utility
5		consulting and expert witness services company.
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7	<i>Q2.</i>	ARE YOU THE SAME WILLIAM H. NOVAK WHO PRESENTED PRE-
8		FILED TESTIMONY IN THIS DOCKET?
9	A2.	Yes.
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11	<i>Q3.</i>	WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY?
12	A3.	The purpose of my supplemental testimony is to address the revised Production
13		Costs and Other Pass-Throughs ("PCOP") surcharge percentage to reflect the new
14		base rate revenue adopted in the Commission's April 21, 2025, Order in Docket
15		No. 24-00032. This new base revenue amount of \$71,219,856 did not exist in any
16		Commission Order at the time my pre-filed testimony was filed in this Docket.
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18	Q4.	WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF THIS CHANGE IN THE BASE RATE
19		REVENUE ON THE PCOP SURCHARGE PERCENTAGE?
20	A4.	As shown below on Table 1, updating the base rate revenue to the new rate case
21		amount changes the PCOP surcharge from 4.44% to 3.02%.
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Q1. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS AND

Table 1 – PCOP Surcharge Calculation			
Item	As Filed <sup>1</sup>	As Updated	
Net Deferred PCOP Costs	\$2,153,202	\$2,153,202	
Projected Base Revenue	\$48,494,574	\$71,219,8562	
PCOP Surcharge Rate	4.44%	3.02%	

I have made no other edits or changes to the amounts that were originally in my pre-filed direct testimony. Further, I have retained my original adjustments for the Commission's water loss policies which were confirmed in the Order for Docket No. 24-00032.<sup>3</sup> I now recommend that the Commission adopt the 3.02% amount shown in Table 1 as the appropriate PCOP surcharge rate for this Docket.

#### Q5. DOES THIS COMPLETE YOUR SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY?

A5. Yes, it does. However, I reserve the right to incorporate any new data that may subsequently become available.

WHN Workpaper PCOP-1-1.00.

Order Setting Utility Rates, TPUC Docket No. 24-00032, Page 17 (April 21, 2025).

*Id.* at 20-23.

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	mer Advocate Division of the Attorney General's nental Testimony represents my opinion in the nsumer Advocate Division.
Sworn to and subscribed before me This 24 <sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.  NOTARY PUBLIC	WILLIAM H. NOVAK  WILLIAM H. NOVAK  STATE OF TENNESSEE NOTARY PUBLIC  THAN COUNTY PUBL
My Commission Expires: 131 3027	