## LAKE JUNALUSKA ASSEMBLY, INCORPORATED DOCKET NO. W-1274, SUB 7

# TESTIMONY OF JUNE CHIU ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC STAFF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

### December 20, 2019

		December 20, 2013
1	Q.	PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS, AND
2		PRESENT POSITION.
3	A.	My name is June Chiu and my business address is 430 N. Salisbury
4		Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. I am a Staff Accountant with the
5		Accounting Division of the Public Staff - North Carolina Utilities
6		Commission, and represent the using and consuming public.
7	Q.	HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN EMPLOYED BY THE PUBLIC
8		STAFF?
9	A.	I have been employed by the Public Staff since October 17, 2017.
10	Q.	WILL YOU STATE BRIEFLY YOUR EDUCATION AND
11		EXPERIENCE?
12	A.	I am a graduate of Drake University with a Masters of Business
13		Administration degree. Prior to joining the Public Staff, I worked for
14		the lowa state government and Fortune 500 companies including
15		Novo Nordisk and Rieter Textile. My duties there varied from
16		performing audit engagement to supervision of the accounting and
17		internal controls and preparing SEC filings.

### Q. WHAT ARE YOUR DUTIES?

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A. I am responsible for analyzing testimony, exhibits, and other data presented by parties before this Commission. I have the further responsibility of performing the examinations of books and records of utilities involved in proceedings before the Commission, and summarizing the results into testimony and exhibits for presentation to the Commission.

## 8 Q. MRS. CHIU, WHAT IS THE NATURE OF THE APPLICATION IN 9 THIS PROCEEDING?

10 Α. On September 28, 2018, Lake Junaluska Assembly, Incorporated 11 (Lake Junaluska or Company) filed an application with the 12 Commission to seeking to acquire a water and sewer utility franchise 13 for Lake Junaluska Assembly in Haywood County, North Carolina. 14 My investigation included a review of the application filed by Lake 15 Junaluska, an examination of the Company's books and records for 16 the test year, and a review of additional documentation provided by 17 the Company in response to written data requests.

# 18 Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY IN THIS 19 PROCEEDING?

20 A. The purpose of my testimony in this proceeding is to present the 21 results of my investigation of the levels of revenue, expenses, and 22 investment filed by Lake Junaluska in support of its franchise 23 application.

# 1 Q. WOULD YOU BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE PRESENTATION OF 2 YOUR TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS?

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Yes. My testimony contains a discussion of each issue resulting from my investigation, and my exhibit consists of schedules showing the calculation of my adjustments to revenues, expenses, and rate base. My schedules also reflect adjustments recommended by other Public Staff witnesses. Schedules 1(a) and 1(b) of my Exhibit I present the margin on operating revenue deductions requiring a return under present rates, Company proposed rates, and Public Staff recommended rates. Schedules 2(a) and 2(b) of my Exhibit I present the original cost rate base for water and sewer operations. Schedules 3(a) and 3(b) of Exhibit I present the calculation of net operating income for a return under present rates, Company proposed rates, and Public Staff recommended rates. Schedules 4(a) and 4(b) of Exhibit I present the Public Staff calculation of operating ratios.

# 16 Q. WHAT CONCLUSIONS HAVE YOU REACHED AS TO THE 17 COMPANY'S RATE REQUEST FOR WATER OPERATIONS?

Based on my investigation, Lake Junaluska's water original cost rate base at December 31, 2018, is \$19,025. The level of operating revenue deductions requiring a return (total operating expenses excluding regulatory fee and income taxes) is \$331,642. As allowed under G.S. 62-133.1, I have used the operating ratio method to evaluate the Company's proposed revenue requirement.

I have calculated a decrease in the gross revenue requirement using the operating margin of 7.5%, the reasonable rate recommended by Public Staff Financial Analyst Craig. Use of this return on operating revenue deductions produces a decrease in the gross water revenue requirement of \$73,917. The resulting total revenue requirement will be \$356,979, all of which is service revenues. Therefore the Public Staff recommends that water service rates be set to reflect a \$73,917 decrease, resulting in an annual level of service revenues of \$356,979.

# 10 Q. WHAT CONCLUSIONS HAVE YOU REACHED AS TO THE 11 COMPANY'S RATE REQUEST FOR SEWER OPERATIONS?

Α.

Based on my investigation, Lake Junaluska's sewer original cost rate base at December 31, 2018, is \$19,277. The level of operating revenue deductions requiring a return (total operating expenses excluding regulatory fee and income taxes) is \$388,920. As allowed under G.S. 62-133.1, I have used the operating ratio method to evaluate the Company's proposed revenue requirement.

Based on the results of my investigation, I have concluded that the revenues generated by the Company's proposed sewer rates are not unreasonable and would not be unfair to its customers. Therefore, I recommend that the revenue requirement as proposed by the Company for sewer utility service be granted.

1	Q.	DOES CHIU EXHIBIT I REFLECT ADJUSTMENTS SUPPORTED								
2		BY OTHER PUBLIC STAFF WITNESSES?								
3	A.	My exhibit reflects the following adjustments supported by other								
4		Public Staff witnesses:								
5		1. The recommendation of Public Staff Financial Analyst Craig								
6		regarding the margin on operating revenue deductions.								
7		2. The recommendation made by Public Staff witness								
8		Casselberry for the following items:								
9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17		<ul> <li>(a) Service revenues at present rates</li> <li>(b) Service revenues at Company proposed rates</li> <li>(c) Administrative and office</li> <li>(d) Maintenance and repairs</li> <li>(e) Transportation</li> <li>(f) Electric power (Power for Pumping)</li> <li>(g) Permit fees</li> <li>(h) Purchased water</li> <li>(i) Purchased sewer treatment</li> <li>(j) Testing</li> </ul>								
19	Q.	WHAT ADJUSTMENTS WILL YOU DISCUSS?								
20	A.	The Company provided consolidated financial information for water								
21		and sewer systems on its application. In response to a Public Staff								
22		data request, Lake Junaluska provided the amount of revenue and								
23		expense that should be directly assigned and/or allocated to water								
24		and sewer systems. I agree with the amount of revenue and expense								
25		items that should be directly assigned to each system. The remaining								
26		indirect revenue and expenses I allocated 50% to water operations								

and 50% to sewer operations based on the recommendation of

1		Public Staff witness Casselberry. My adjustment to allocate the
2		consolidated revenues and expenses are reflected on Schedules
3		3(a) and 3(b) of my Exhibit I.
4		In addition, the accounting and ratemaking adjustments that I will
5		discuss relate to the following items:
6 7 8 9		<ul><li>(a) Cash working capital</li><li>(b) Average tax accruals</li><li>(c) Regulatory fee</li><li>(d) State and federal income taxes</li></ul>
10		CASH WORKING CAPITAL
11	Q.	PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR CALCULATION OF CASH WORKING
12		CAPITAL.
13	A.	Cash working capital provides the Company with the funds
14		necessary to carry on the day to day operations of the Company. In
15		my calculation, I have included 1/8 of total O&M expenses, less
16		purchased water and sewer expenses, as a measure of cash working
17		capital.
18		AVERAGE TAX ACCRUAL
19	Q.	HOW DID YOU CALCULATE AVERAGE TAX ACCRUAL?
20	A.	Average tax accruals, calculated as 1/5 of payroll tax, is a tax which
21		the Company collects in rates but does not pay to the government
22		agency every month. Since the Company has the use of this money
23		until it is paid to the government agency, this tax accrual should be
24		deducted from rate base.

1		REGULATORY FEE
2	Q.	PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR ADJUSTMENT TO REGULATORY FEE.
3	A.	I have adjusted the regulatory fee to reflect the statutory rate of .13%
4		applied to revenues under present rates, Company proposed rates
5		and Public Staff recommended rates.
6		STATE AND FEDERAL INCOME TAX
7	Q.	WHAT ADJUSTMENT HAVE YOU MADE TO FEDERAL INCOME
8		TAX?
9	A.	The Company is exempt from paying state and federal taxes as it is
10		a non-profit organization. I have not included an amount for these
11		taxes.
12	Q.	DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?
13	A.	Yes, it does.

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## MARGIN ON OPERATING REVENUE DEDUCTIONS REQUIRING A RETURN

For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2018

### **Water Operations**

Public Staff
Chiu Exhibit I
Schedule 1(a)

Line No.	<u>Item</u>	Present Rates (a)	Company Proposed Rates (b)	Public Staff Recommended Rates (c)
1.	Net operating income for a return	\$98,694 [1]	\$68,407 [4]	\$24,873 [6]
2.	Operating revenue deductions requiring a return	331,642_[2]	331,642 [5]	331,642_[7]
3.	Return	29.76% [3]	20.63% [3]	7.50% [8]

<sup>[1]</sup> Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(a), Line 31, Column (c).

<sup>[2]</sup> Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(a), Line 20 + Line 21 + Line 22 + Line 23 + Line 24, Column (c).

<sup>[3]</sup> Line 1 divided by Line 2.

<sup>[4]</sup> Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(a), Line 31, Column (e).

<sup>[5]</sup> Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(a), Line 20 + Line 21 + Line 22 + Line 23 + Line 24, Column (e).

<sup>[6]</sup> Line 2 x Line 3.

<sup>[7]</sup> Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(a), Line 20 + Line 21 + Line 22 + Line 23 + Line 24, Column (g).

<sup>[8]</sup> Provided by Public Staff Financial Analyst Craig.

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MARGIN ON OPERATING REVENUE DEDUCTIONS
REQUIRING A RETURN

For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2018

Public Staff
Chiu Exhibit I
Schedule 1(b)

Line No.	<u>Item</u>	Present Rates (a)	Company Proposed Rates (b)	Public Staff Recommended Rates (c)
1.	Net operating income for a return	(\$8,269) [1]	\$28,970 [4]	\$29,169 [6]
2.	Operating revenue deductions requiring a return	388,920_[2]	388,920 [5]	388,920_[7]
3.	Return	<u>-2.13%</u> [3]	7.45% [3]	<u>7.50%</u> [8]

- [1] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(b), Line 31, Column (c).
- [2] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(b), Line 20 + Line 21 + Line 22 + Line 23 + Line 24, Column (c).
- [3] Line 1 divided by Line 2.
- [4] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(b), Line 31, Column (e).
- [5] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(b), Line 20 + Line 21 + Line 22 + Line 23 + Line 24, Column (e).
- [6] Line 2 x Line 3.
- [7] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(b), Line 20 + Line 21 + Line 22 + Line 23 + Line 24, Column (g).
- [8] Provided by Public Staff Financial Analyst Craig.

## Docket No. W-1274, Sub 7 ORIGINAL COST RATE BASE

For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2018

Public Staff Chiu Exhibit I Schedule 2(a)

### Water Operations

Line No.	<u>ltem</u>	Per Application (a)	Public Staff Adjustments [1]	After Public Staff Adjustments (c)
1.	Plant in service	\$0	\$0	\$0
2.	Contributions in aid of construction	0	0	0
3.	Accumulated depreciation	0	0	0
4.	Cash working capital	0	20,387	20,387 [2]
5.	Average tax accruals	0	(1,362)	(1,362) [3]
6.	Original cost rate base (Sum of L1 thru L5)	<u>\$0</u>	\$19,025	\$19,025

<sup>[1]</sup> Column (c) minus Column (a).[2] Calculated at one-eighth of operating expenses, less purchased water.[3] Calculated at one-fifth payroll taxes.

## Docket No. W-1274, Sub 7 ORIGINAL COST RATE BASE

For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2018

Public Staff Chiu Exhibit I Schedule 2(b)

Line No.	<u>ltem</u>	Per Application (a)	Public Staff Adjustments [1]	After Public Staff Adjustments (c)
1.	Plant in service	\$0	\$0	\$0
2.	Contributions in aid of construction	0	0	0
3.	Accumulated depreciation	0	0	0
4.	Cash working capital	0	20,639	20,639 [2]
5.	Average tax accruals	0	(1,362)	(1,362) [3]
6.	Original cost rate base (Sum of L1 thru L5)	\$0	\$19,277	\$19,277

<sup>[1]</sup> Column (c) minus Column (a).[2] Calculated at one-eighth of operating expenses, less purchased sewer.[3] Calculated at one-fifth payroll taxes.

### Docket No. W-1274, Sub 7 NET OPERATING INCOME FOR A RETURN

For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2018

Water Operations

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	Water Operations							
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			Present Rates		Company Prop		Recommend	
		Amount	Public	Per	Net	Operations	Net Public	Operations
Line		Per Actual	Staff	Public	Company	After Rate	Staff	After Rate
No.	<u>Item</u>	GL Report	Adjustments [1]	Staff [2]	Increase[6]	Increase [7]	Increase [8]	Increase [9]
		(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
	Operating Revenues							
1.	Service revenues	\$433,400	(\$2,504)	\$430,896 [3]	(\$30,326)	\$400,570 [3]	(\$73,917)	\$356,979 [10]
2.	Miscellaneous revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.	Uncollectible accounts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4.	Total operating revenues	433,400	(2,504)	430,896	(30,326)	400,570	(73,917)	356,979
	Operating Expenses							
5.	Salaries and wages	91,430	0	91,430	0	91,430	0	91,430
6.	Administrative and office	28,498	776	29,274 [3]	0	29,274	0	29,274
7.	Maintenance and repair	8,628	(0)	8,628	0	8,628	0	8,628
8.	Power for Pumping	4,100	(922)	3,178 [3]	0	3,178	0	3,178
9.	Chemicals	0	` 0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Permit fees	2,377	(1,415)	962 [3]	0	962	0	962
11.	Purchased water	162,513	(776)	161,737 [3]	0	161,737	0	161,737
12.	Employee benefits	0	` 0	0	0	0	0	0
13.	Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14.	Contract services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15.	Bond expense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16.	Testing	1,674	(786)	888 [3]	0	888	0	888
17.	Transportaion	5,484	634	6,118 [4]	0	6.118	0	6,118
18.	Other expenses	20,566	2,050	22,617	0	22,617	0	22,617
19.	Rate case expense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20.	Total operating expenses	325,270	(439)	324,831	0	324,831	0	324,831
	Depreciation and Taxes							
21.	Depreciation expense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22.	Property tax	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23.	Payroll taxes	6.811	0	6,811	0	6,811	0	6,811
23. 24.	Other taxes	0,011	0	0,811	0	0,611	0	0,811
24. 25.	Regulatory fee	0	560	-	(39)	-	-	464 [5]
25. 26.	Gross receipts tax	0	0	560 [5] 0	(39)	521 [5] 0	(96) 0	464 [5] 0
26. 27.	State income tax	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27. 28.		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20. 29.	Federal income tax	6,811	560	7,371	(39)	7,332	(96)	7,275
29.	Total depreciation and taxes	0,011		7,371	(39)	1,332	(96)	1,215
30.	Total operating revenue deductions	332,081	121	332,202	(39)	332,163	(96)	332,106
31.	Net operating income for return	\$101,319	(\$2,625)	\$98,694	(\$30,287)	\$68,407	(\$73,821)	\$24,873

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### **Water Operations**

Column (c) minus Column (a), unless otherwise footnoted.
Column (a) plus Column (b), unless otherwise footnoted.
Provided by Public Staff Engineer Casselberry.
Amount reclassified from permit fees.
Line 4 multiplied by 0.13%
Column (e) minus Column (c), unless otherwise footnoted.
Column (c) plus Column (d), unless otherwise footnoted.
Column (g) minus Column (c), unless otherwise footnoted.
Column (c) plus Column (f), unless otherwise footnoted.
Revenue requirement as calculated by the Public Staff.

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### Docket No. W-1274, Sub 7 NET OPERATING INCOME FOR A RETURN

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	Sewer Operations						Public S	1-EE
			Present Rates		Company Prop	acad Patas	Recommende	
		Amount	Public	Per -	Net	Operations	Net Public	Operations
Line		Per Actual	Staff	Public	Company	After Rate	Staff	After Rate
No.	Item	GL Report	Adjustments [1]	Staff [2]	Increase [6]	Increase [7]	Increase [8]	Increase [9]
_140	<u>item</u>	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)
	Operating Revenues	(a)	(5)	(0)	(u)	(0)	(1)	(9)
1.	Service revenues	\$364,955	\$16,191	\$381,146 [3]	\$37,288	\$418,434 [3]	\$37,487	\$418,633 [10]
2.	Miscellaneous revenues	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3.	Uncollectible accounts	0	0	Ö	0	0	0	0
4.	Total operating revenues	364,955	16,191	381,146	37,288	418,434	37,487	418,633
	Operating Expenses							
5.	Salaries and wages	91,430	0	91,430	0	91,430	0	91,430
6.	Administrative and office	28,498	552	29,050 [3]	0	29,050	0	29,050
7.	Maintenance and repair	13,993	(0)	13,993	0	13,993	0	13,993
8.	Power for Pumping	0	922	922 [3]	0	922	0	922
9.	Chemicals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.	Permit fees	0	985	985 [3]	0	985	0	985
11.	Purchased sewer	217,547	(552)	216,995 [3]	0	216,995	0	216,995
12.	Employee benefits	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
13.	Insurance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14.	Contract services	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
15.	Bond expense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16.	Testing	0	0	0 [3]	0	0	0	0
17.	Transportaion	5,484	634	6,118 [4]	0	6,118	0	6,118
18.	Other expenses	20,566	2,050	22,617	0	22,617	0	22,617
19.	Rate case expense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20.	Total operating expenses	377,518	4,591	382,109	0	382,109	0	382,109
	Depreciation and Taxes							
21.	Depreciation expense	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22.	Property tax	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23.	Payroll taxes	6,811	0	6,811	0	6,811	0	6,811
24.	Other taxes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25.	Regulatory fee	0	495	495 [5]	49	544 [5]	49	544 [5]
26.	Gross receipts tax	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
27.	State income tax	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28.	Federal income tax	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
29.	Total depreciation and taxes	6,811	495	7,306	49	7,355	49	7,355
30.	Total operating revenue deductions	384,329	5,086	389,415	49	389,464	49	389,464
31.	Net operating income for return	(\$19,374)	\$11,106	(\$8,269)	\$37,239	\$28,970	\$37,438	\$29,169

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For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2018

### Sewer Operations

[1]	Column	(c) minus	Column	(a), unless	otherwise	footnoted.

- Column (a) plus Column (b), unless otherwise footnoted.
- Provided by Public Staff Engineer Casselberry.
- Amount reclassified from permit fees. Line 4 multiplied by 0.13%

- [1] [2] [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] Column (e) minus Column (c), unless otherwise footnoted. Column (c) plus Column (d), unless otherwise footnoted.

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Public Staff Chiu Exhibit I

Schedule 4(a)

Lake Junaluska , INC.

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#### **CALCULATION OF OPERATING RATIOS**

For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2018

#### **Water Operations**

Line No.	<u>ltem</u>	Present Rates (a)	Company Proposed Rates (b)	Public Staff Recommended Rates (c)
	Interest expense, regulatory fee, gross receipts, and income taxes included:			
1.	Gross operating revenues	\$430,896 [1]	\$400,570 [5]	\$356,979 [9]
2.	Operating expenses	332,202 [2]	332,163 [6]	332,106 [10]
3.	Operating ratios (L2 / L1)	77.10%	82.92%	93 03%
	Interest expense, regulatory fee, gross receipts, and income taxes excluded:			
4.	Gross operating revenues	\$430,336 [3]	\$400,049 [7]	\$356,515 [11]
5.	Operating expenses	331,642 [4]	331,642 [8]	331,642 [12]
6.	Operating ratios (L5 / L4)	77.07%	82.90%	93 02%

<sup>[1]</sup> Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(a), Line 4, Column (c).

<sup>[2]</sup> Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(a), Line 30, Column (c).
[3] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(a), Line 30, Column (c).
[4] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(a), Line 4 - Line 25 - Line 26 - Line 27 - Line 28, Column (c).

<sup>[5]</sup> Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(a), Line 4, Column (e).

<sup>[6]</sup> Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(a), Line 30, Column (e).
[7] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(a), Line 4 - Line 25 - Line 26 - Line 27 - Line 28, Column (e).

<sup>[8]</sup> Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(a), Line 30 - Line 25 - Line 26 - Line 27 - Line 28, Column (e).

<sup>[9]</sup> Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(a), Line 4, Column (g).

<sup>[10]</sup> Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(a), Line 30, Column (g). [11] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(a), Line 30, Column (g). [11] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(a), Line 4 - Line 25 - Line 26 - Line 27 - Line 28, Column (g). [12] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(a), Line 30 - Line 25 - Line 26 - Line 27 - Line 28, Column (g).

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#### **CALCULATION OF OPERATING RATIOS**

For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2018

Public Staff Chiu Exhibit I Schedule 4(b)

Line No.	<u>ltem</u>	Present Rates	Company Proposed Rates	Public Staff Recommended Rates
	Interest expense, regulatory fee, gross receipts, and income taxes included:	(a)	(b)	(c)
1.	Gross operating revenues	\$381,146 [1]	\$418,434 [5]	\$418,633 [9]
2.	Operating expenses	389,415 [2]	389,464 [6]	389,464 [10]
3.	Operating ratios (L2 / L1)	102.17%	93.08%	93.03%
	Interest expense, regulatory fee, gross receipts, and income taxes excluded:			
4.	Gross operating revenues	\$380,651 [3]	\$417,890 [7]	\$418,089 [11]
5.	Operating expenses	388,920 [4]	388,920 [8]	388,920 [12]
6.	Operating ratios (L5 / L4)	102.17%	93.07%	93.02%

<sup>[1]</sup> Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(b), Line 4, Column (c).

<sup>[2]</sup> Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(b), Line 30, Column (c).
[3] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(b), Line 30, Column (c).
[4] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(b), Line 4 - Line 25 - Line 26 - Line 27 - Line 28, Column (c).

<sup>[5]</sup> Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(b), Line 4, Column (e).

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<sup>[10]</sup> Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(b), Line 30, Column (g).

<sup>[11]</sup> Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(b), Line 4 - Line 25 - Line 26 - Line 27 - Line 28, Column (g). [12] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(b), Line 30 - Line 25 - Line 26 - Line 27 - Line 28, Column (g).