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North Carolina Utilities Commission
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RE: Water Resources, Inc.'s Public Staff Data Request No. 6 (Docket No. W-1034, Sub 8)

Dear Ms. Dunston,

Please find enclosed for filing in the above-captioned proceeding, Water Resources, Inc.'s response to Data Request No. 6.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dennis C. Abbott, President Water Resources, Inc.

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Water Resources, Inc.
Docket No. W-1034, Sub 8
Public Staff Data Request No. 6
Date Sent: November 10, 2021
Date Requested: November 22, 2021

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#### **Subject of Data Request:** Follow-up to Public Staff Data Request 5

Please provide all responses to this request in searchable native electronic format (e.g., Excel, Word, or PDF files). If in Excel format, please include all working formulas. In addition, please include (1) the name and title of the individual who has the responsibility for the subject matter addressed therein, and (2) the identity of the person making the response by name, occupation, and job title.

1. Public Staff (PS) Data Request 4, Item 1.b, requested WRI to provide the date the properly sized vacuum relief valve was installed on the River Walk Subdivision hydro-pneumatic tank. In response, WRI stated the deficiency was ultimately corrected in September 2019 and that previous corrections by McCall Brothers were incorrect since McCall Brothers initially installed a pressure relief valve rather than a vacuum relief valve. PS Data Request 5, Item 2, requested that WRI provide documentation that shows the properly sized vacuum relief valve is installed. In response, WRI provided McCall Brothers invoice 9476, dated December 20, 2018. The December 20, 2018 date of McCall Brothers invoice 9476 does not match the September 2019 date when WRI stated the work was completed. Please provide a copy of the correct invoice of the work performed to install the properly sized vacuum relief valve or explain the discrepancy between the date WRI stated the work was completed and the invoice date provided in response to PS Data Request 5, Item 2.

Response – The initial work was completed per invoice 9476. It was not realized until a subsequent followup inspection in June, 2019 that a pressure relief valve instead of a vacuum relief valve had been installed. Corrections by McCall Brothers were ultimately made on March 6, 2020. There were no charges for the correction because it was McCall Brothers' mistake, was invoiced with invoice #9476, and paid in full. The September 2019

date was confused with another work that was completed by McCall Brothers. That date should be disregarded.

2. PS Data Request 5, Item 5, requested a status update on the cleaning/recoating or replacement of the River Walk Subdivision hydro-pneumatic tank and ground storage tank, along with supporting documentation. PS Data Request 5, Item 5, also requested that WRI provide an explanation for the approximately three-year delay in completing the required action, along with supporting documentation. WRI did not respond directly to PS Data Request 5, Item 5. In response to PS Data Request 5, Item 9, in the River Walk section, Item 6, WRI refers to its response to PS Data Request 4. WRI's response to PS Data Request 4, Item 1.h stated "This has not been completed. Quotes are currently being requested." Please provide a response to PS Data Request 5, Item 5.

Response – This work was a "recommendation" from DEQ and was not mandated by DEQ. A recent clarification regarding the NCUC order of the 2018 rate case clarified that this work is not optional. Two quotes have been received for this work. A third quote is expected by 12/10/2021. Work will be released to the best bidder by 12/13/2021.

3. PS Data Request 5, Item 6.b, requested confirmation that the River Walk Subdivision hydro-pneumatic tank is ASME Code National Board Certified. In response, WRI stated that the certificate is included in the response to PS Data Request 5. The certificate provided is a Certificate of Inspection from the North Carolina Department of Labor for the River Walk hydro-pneumatic tank, but does not confirm the tank is ASME Code National Board Certified. Please provide a photograph of the ASME Code Stamp on the River Walk Subdivision hydro-pneumatic tank and provide a photograph showing the general location on the tank of the ASME Code Stamp.

#### Response – Pictures enclosed

4. Docket No. W-1034, Sub 8, Ordering Paragraphs 5 through 12 of the Commission Order, dated November 21, 2018, require Water Resources, Inc. (WRI), to address identified deficiencies, recommendations, and improvements. Finding of fact 8.c recommends the Rocky River Plantation Subdivision elevated storage tank be regularly inspected by a qualified professional and the vent be inspected on a regular basis to ensure that the screen is intact. In response to PS Data Request 5, Item 3.b, WRI provided the most recent inspection report prepared by American Tank Maintenance and dated February 10, 2020. Page 2 of the inspection report states, "The screen is broken on the roof vent. A new hatch and roof vent is recommended." In response to PS Data Request 5, Item 3.b, WRI states, "Inspection report included. Work has not been performed to date." Please explain why the repairs to the roof vent have not been completed and include an estimated date for when the repair will be completed.

Response – The elevtaed tank was expected to be taken off line when the tie-in to the Town of Harrisburg was completed. Therefore, this work was delayed. A recent authorization was released to American Tank to complete this work. It is currently scheduled for the week of December 13, 2021.

5. Docket Nos. W-1034, Sub 8 and Sub 10, Ordering Paragraph 1 of the Commission Order, dated September 21, 2021, requires WRI to replace all meters in Rocky River within four months from the date of the Order. Please provide the actions that WRI has taken to comply with Ordering Paragraph 1, including the number of meters installed, the type of meters installed (including manufacturer and model number), the cost of each meter, and the installation cost of each meter.

Response – Water meters were ordered 9/23/2021. Notice was received on 11/16/2021 that they were available for delivery to Water Resources. Contracted labor was secured on 12/6/2021 for installation, which is scheduled to begin the week of 12/20/2021.

6. PS Data Request 4, Item 1.k requested that WRI file with the Commission all quarterly filings required in Docket No. W-1034, Sub 8, Ordering Paragraph 10 of the Commission Order, dated November 21, 2018. Please provide the date by which the quarterly filings going back to the first full quarter after the Commission Order, or March 31, 2019, will be filed with the Commission. If the quarterly filings will not be submitted as required by the Commission Order, please provide an explanation.

Response – Filings have been made for 5/2021 - 9/2021. Available customer logs for January 2019 – April 2021 were filed 12/6/2021.

7. In Docket No. W-1034, Sub 8, the Commission's Order, dated November 21, 2018, identified Findings of Facts that were required to be addressed by WRI. On August 30, 2019, WRI filed with the Commission the status of its efforts to address the issues identified in the Ordering Paragraphs and on October 8, 2021, WRI responded to Public Staff Data Request 5. With regards to Finding of Fact 8b, WRI stated that the ORC completed this directive in 2018, however this directive requires WRI to measure, calibrate, and otherwise store and maintain the iron and manganese testing kit on ongoing basis. Please explain how this ongoing directive was completed in 2018 and provide supporting documentation clarifying how this directive was completed in 2018 or other supporting documentation indicating how WRI continues to comply with this directive.

Response – A field test kit was purchased from Hach Corp and is stored on site at Rocky River. The current ORC has a test kit that is used and maintained as well, but is kept on the work truck and used in various locations.

8. In Docket No. W-1034, Sub 8, the Commission's Order, dated November 21, 2018, identified Findings of Facts that were required to be addressed by WRI. On August 30, 2019, WRI filed with the Commission the status of its efforts to address the

issues identified in the Ordering Paragraphs and on October 8, 2021, WRI responded to Public Staff Data Request 5. With regards to Finding of Fact 10, in addition to the iron and manganese readings provided in response to Public Staff Data Request 4, please provide additional supporting documentation confirming that cloudy water and brown water are being remedied and water quality is being monitored.

Response – there are no written logs or documentation kept to reflect the periodic flushing of lines and the backwashing of the green sand filter. It is performed as a course of routine maintenance, or on an "as needed basis" if a complaint arises. The testing of samples are collected at various points throughour the distribution system. There have been zero complaints about brown water since operators were changed in Q2 of 2019.

9. In Docket No. W-1034, Sub 8, the Commission's Order, dated November 21, 2018, identified Findings of Facts that were required to be addressed by WRI. On August 30, 2019, WRI filed with the Commission the status of its efforts to address the issues identified in the Ordering Paragraphs and on October 8, 2021, WRI responded to Public Staff Data Request 5. With regards to Finding of Fact 12e, please provide supporting documentation confirming that bacteria sampling sites are rotated on a monthly basis, and provide a written copy of the bacteria sample siting plan.

Response – to be submitted at a future date

10. In Docket No. W-1034, Sub 8, the Commission's Order, dated November 21, 2018, identified Findings of Facts that were required to be addressed by WRI. On August 30, 2019, WRI filed with the Commission the status of its efforts to address the issues identified in the Ordering Paragraphs and on October 8, 2021, WRI responded to Public Staff Data Request 5. With regards to Findings of Facts 17 and 18, please provide any written training or employee policies confirming that WRI customer service representatives are calling customers within 60 minutes and responding to outages within 60 minutes of receiving an outage report.

Response – There is no written training. Expectations are communicated verbally.

11. During the September 29, 2021 remote hearing in the matter of Eric M. Olsen, Complainant v. Water Resources, Inc., Docket No. W-1034, Sub 9, Respondent Dennis Abbott with WRI stated in his testimony, "And I quite frankly now through my attorney's counsel Mr. Buffkin understand that the Order by the Commission was to do all the recommended actions. I did everything that was -- that we could afford to do. I did respond to the meter replacement a couple of years ago saying -- to give an update saying that we didn't have the funding to do those. So, that has -- it impaired us from being able to replace all those meters. It's a tremendous expense. And I think in my last rate case even by the Public Staff's own staff accountant calculated that the funds wouldn't be available to do this." (Transcript Volume 3, page 46, lines 1 through 13). Please provide the source and supporting

document(s) bolstering Mr. Abbott's statement that the Public Staff's accountant calculated that funds would not be available to replace the meters.

Response – See the attached calculations used in the testimony of June Chiu confirming that subsequent to the new rates, Water Resources would continue to experience a net loss in operations at Rocky River.

- 12. Please provide the current status of WRI's efforts to interconnect the Rocky River Plantation water utility system to the Town of Harrisburg, NC water utility system. Along with any supporting documentation, please include the following information:
  - a. The rates WRI has negotiated with the Town of Harrisburg for providing purchased water to WRI;

Response – This has not been negotiated.

- b. The capacity fee the Town of Harrisburg will be charging WRI; and Response This has not been provided to Water Resources
- c. The estimated date for placing the interconnection into active service. Responses Q2 2022
- 13. Please identify the easements that are required for the interconnection with the Town of Harrisburg and provide a copy of all recorded easements WRI has acquired for the interconnection.

Response – a map of the needed easement is included. Final easement has been verbally agreed to with the homeowner but final execution has not occurred.

14. Please identify whether WRI intends to implement an alternate means of returning the system to compliance with 15A NCAC 18C.0402(g)(5), such as installing a treatment system for Well 1 or installing a new well to serve the Rocky River Plantation community. Include in your response the specific alternate means to be implemented, the projected cost of implementation, the estimated date for placing the alternate means into active service, and supporting documentation.

Response – An alternate and more cost effective method of mixing the water of the 2 wells is currently under investigation by a NC licensed civil engineer.

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### WATER RESOURCES INC. DOCKET NO. W-1034, SUB 8

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

### August 29, 2018

| 1  | Q. | PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS, AND                          |
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| 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 Iowa 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.                           |

#### 1 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 THIS PROCEEDING?

On April 18, 2018, Water Resources, Inc. (Water Resources or Company) filed an application with the Commission to increase its rates for providing water utility service in its Rocky River and River Walk services areas in Cabarrus and Mecklenburg Counties, North Carolina. My investigation included a review of the application filed by Water Resources, an examination of the Company's books and records for the test year, and a review of additional documentation provided by the Company in response to written data requests.

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

The purpose of my testimony in this proceeding is to present the results of my investigation of the levels of revenue, expenses, and investment filed by Water Resources in support of its requested increase in operating revenues for water operations.

| 1 | Q. | WOULD YOU BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE PRESENTATION OF |
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| 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, along with their supporting schedules, present the original cost rate base for water operation. Schedules 3(a) and 3(b) of Exhibit I, along with their supporting schedules, 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.

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

Based on my investigation, Rocky River's original cost rate base at December 31, 2017 is \$(1,176). The level of operating revenue deductions requiring a return (total operating expenses excluding regulatory fee and income taxes) is \$55,981. As allowed under N.C.

| 1  |    | Gen. Stat. § 62-133.1, I have used the operating ratio method to     |
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| 2  |    | evaluate the Company's proposed revenue requirement.                 |
| 3  |    | Based on the results of my investigation, I have concluded that the  |
| 4  |    | revenues generated by the Company's proposed water rates are not     |
| 5  |    | unreasonable and would not be unfair to its customers. Therefore, I  |
| 6  |    | recommend that the revenue requirement as proposed by the            |
| 7  |    | Company for water utility service in Rocky River be granted.         |
| 8  | Q. | WHAT CONCLUSIONS HAVE YOU REACHED AS TO THE                          |
| 9  |    | COMPANY'S RATE INCREASE REQUEST FOR RIVER WALK                       |
| 10 |    | WATER OPERATIONS?  |
| 11 | A. | Based on my investigation, River Walk's original cost rate base at   |
| 12 |    | December 31, 2017 is \$21,851. The level of operating revenue        |
| 13 |    | deductions requiring a return (total operating expenses excluding    |
| 14 |    | regulatory fee and income taxes) is \$29,646. As allowed under N.C.  |
| 15 |    | Gen. Stat. § 62-133.1, I have used the operating ratio method to     |
| 16 |    | evaluate the Company's proposed revenue requirement.                 |
| 17 |    | I have calculated a decrease in the gross revenue requirement using  |
| 18 |    | the overall rate of return of 7.5%, the reasonable rate recommended  |
| 19 |    | by Public Staff Financial Analyst Hinton. Use of this return on      |
| 20 |    | operating revenue deductions produces a decrease in the gross        |
| 21 |    | water revenue requirement of \$773. The resulting total revenue      |
| 22 |    | requirement will be \$32,593, of which \$32,696 is service revenues. |

| 1  |    | Therefore the Public Staff recommends that water service rates be  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 2  |    | set to reflect a \$773 decrease, resulting in an annual level of service   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3  |    | revenues of \$32,696.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4  | Q. | DOES CHIU EXHIBIT I REFLECT ADJUSTMENTS SUPPORTED  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5  |    | BY OTHER PUBLIC STAFF WITNESSES?   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6  | A. | My exhibit reflects the following adjustments supported by other   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7  |    | Public Staff witnesses:  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8  |    | The recommendation of Public Staff Financial Analyst Hinton  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9  |    | regarding the margin on operating revenue deductions.  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10   |    | 2. The recommendation made by Public Staff witness Furr for  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 11   |    | the following items:   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 12<br>13<br>14<br>15<br>16<br>17<br>18<br>19<br>20<br>21<br>22<br>23 |    | <ul> <li>(a) Service revenues at present rates</li> <li>(b) Service revenues at Company proposed rates</li> <li>(c) Maintenance and repairs</li> <li>(e) Transportation</li> <li>(f) Electric power</li> <li>(g) Chemicals</li> <li>(h) Testing</li> <li>(i) Permit fees</li> <li>(j) Purchased water treatment</li> <li>(k) Property taxes</li> <li>(l) Depreciation life</li> <li>(m) Customers</li> </ul> |  |  |  |  |  |
| 24   | Q. | WHAT ADJUSTMENTS WILL YOU DISCUSS?   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 25   | A. | The Company provided consolidated financial information for the  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 26   |    | Rocky River and River Walk systems on its application. In response   |  |  |  |  |  |

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to a Public Staff data request, Water Resources provided the amount

| 1  |    | of each revenue and expense item that should be directly assigned   |  |  |  |  |
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| 2  |    | and/or allocated to Rocky River and River Walk. I agree with the  |  |  |  |  |
| 3  |    | amount of revenue and expense items that should be directly   |  |  |  |  |
| 4  |    | assigned to each system. The remaining indirect revenue and   |  |  |  |  |
| 5  |    | expenses I allocated between the two systems based on the   |  |  |  |  |
| 6  |    | percentage of customer provided by Public Staff witness Furr. My  |  |  |  |  |
| 7  |    | adjustment to allocate the consolidated revenues and expenses are   |  |  |  |  |
| 8  |    | reflected on Schedule 3-1 of Exhibit I.   |  |  |  |  |
| 9  |    | In addition, the accounting and ratemaking adjustments that I will discuss relate to the following items:   |  |  |  |  |
| 11<br>12<br>13<br>14<br>15<br>16<br>17<br>18<br>19<br>20<br>21<br>22<br>23<br>24 |    | <ul> <li>(a) Plant in service</li> <li>(b) Accumulated depreciation</li> <li>(c) Contributions in aid of construction</li> <li>(d) Cash working capital</li> <li>(e) Average tax accruals</li> <li>(f) Other revenue</li> <li>(g) Bad debt expense</li> <li>(h) Administrative and office expense</li> <li>(i) Rate case expense</li> <li>(j) Interest expense</li> <li>(k) Depreciation expense</li> <li>(l) Regulatory fee</li> <li>(m) State income tax</li> <li>(n) Federal income tax</li> </ul> |  |  |  |  |
| 25   |    | PLANT IN SERVICE  |  |  |  |  |
| 26   | Q. | IN WHAT AREAS HAVE YOU MADE ADJUSTMENTS TO PLANT  |  |  |  |  |
| 27   |    | IN SERVICE?   |  |  |  |  |
| 28   | A. | My review of plant in service for Rocky River began with the amount   |  |  |  |  |

listed on the application filed with the Commission. The total amount

for plant in service did not tie-in to the amount that was approved by the Commission in the last rate case, Docket No. W-1034, Sub 4 (Sub 4), which had a test year ending December 31, 2001. Therefore, I calculated an amount for plant in service beginning with the amount approved by the Commission in Sub 4. To this amount, I capitalized \$2,509 for a well pump motor based on the recommendation of Public Staff witness Furr.

Q.

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witness Furr.

My calculation of plant in service for River Walk began with the amount approved by the Commission in the franchise proceeding, Docket No. W-1034, Sub 6 (Sub 6), which had a test year ending December 31, 2010. The Company stated in response to a Public Staff data request that there have not been any additions to plant in service since the Sub 6 proceeding. Therefore, plant in service for River Walk reflects the amount approved in the initial franchise proceeding.

#### ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION

I have calculated accumulated depreciation based on my adjusted levels of plant in service and the service lives approved in Sub 4 for Rocky River and Sub 6 for River Walk. Accumulated depreciation also reflect the service lives recommended by Public Staff

HOW HAVE YOU ADJUSTED ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION?

| 1  |    | Accumulated depreciation was also calculated based on the year        |
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| 2  |    | each plant asset was placed in service, using the half-year           |
| 3  |    | convention in the first year of an asset's depreciable life.          |
| 4  |    | CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION (CIAC)                           |
| 5  | Q. | HOW HAVE YOU CALCULATED CIAC?   |
| 6  | A. | I began my calculation of CIAC with the amount ordered by the         |
| 7  |    | Commission in the Sub 4 rate case for Rocky River, and Public Staff   |
| 8  |    | work papers used to establish CIAC in that proceeding. The Company    |
| 9  |    | has not collected any CIAC since that proceeding. Therefore, I        |
| 10 |    | updated CIAC to reflect the amount approved in Sub 4.                 |
| 11 |    | CASH WORKING CAPITAL  |
| 12 | Q. | PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR CALCULATION OF CASH WORKING                      |
| 13 |    | CAPITAL.  |
| 14 | A. | Cash working capital provides the Company with the funds              |
| 15 |    | necessary to carry on the day to day operations of the Company. In    |
| 16 |    | my calculation, I have included 1/8 of total O&M expenses, as a       |
| 17 |    | measure of cash working 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 plus 1/2 of    |
| 21 |    | property taxes, is a tax which the Company collects in rates but does |
| 22 |    | not pay to the government agency every month. Since the Company       |

| 1  |    | has the use of this money until it is paid to the government agency, |  |  |  |  |
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| 2  |    | this tax accrual should be deducted from rate base.                  |  |  |  |  |
| 3  |    | OTHER REVENUES   |  |  |  |  |
| 4  | Q. | PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR ADJUSTMENT TO OTHER REVENUES.                    |  |  |  |  |
| 5  | A. | Water Resources included \$26,741 of antenna lease revenue in        |  |  |  |  |
| 6  |    | other revenues. Based on the recommendation of Public Staff          |  |  |  |  |
| 7  |    | witness Furr, I removed the antenna lease revenues from other        |  |  |  |  |
| 8  |    | revenues.  |  |  |  |  |
| 9  |    | BAD DEBT EXPENSE   |  |  |  |  |
|    | _  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | Q. | PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR ADJUSTMENT TO BAD DEBT                           |  |  |  |  |
| 11 |    | EXPENSE.   |  |  |  |  |
| 12 | A. | The adjustment to bad debt expense includes the reclassification of  |  |  |  |  |
| 13 |    | \$5,045 from administrative and office expenses. I amortized this    |  |  |  |  |
| 14 |    | amount over a five year period to yield an annualized level of bad   |  |  |  |  |
| 15 |    | debt to include in this proceeding. I allocated bad debt expense     |  |  |  |  |
| 16 |    | between the two systems based on the percentage of customer          |  |  |  |  |
| 17 |    | count provided by Public Staff witness Furr.                         |  |  |  |  |
| 18 |    | ADMINISTRITIVE AND OFFICE EXPENSE                                    |  |  |  |  |
| 19 | Q. | PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR ADJUSTMENT TO ADMINISTRITIVE                     |  |  |  |  |
|    |    |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20 |    | AND OFFICE EXPENSE.  |  |  |  |  |
| 21 | A. | As discussed above, I reclassified \$5,045 of bad debt expense as a  |  |  |  |  |
| 22 |    | component of total operating revenues.                               |  |  |  |  |

| 1  |    | RATE CASE EXPENSE   |
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| 2  | Q. | PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR ADJUSTMENT TO RATE CASE                             |
| 3  |    | EXPENSE.  |
| 4  | A. | The Company did not include an amount for rate case expense on          |
| 5  |    | its application. Therefore, I calculated an amount for rate case        |
| 6  |    | expense to include the cost to mail notices to customers and the filing |
| 7  |    | fee. I allocated it between the two systems – Rocky River and River     |
| 8  |    | Walk based on the percentage of customer count provided by the          |
| 9  |    | Public Staff witness Furr.  |
| 10 |    | INTEREST EXPENSE  |
| 11 | Q. | PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR ADJUSTMENT TO INTEREST                              |
| 12 |    | EXPENSE.  |
| 13 | A. | It has been the Public Staff position and North Carolina Utilities      |
| 14 |    | Commission's continuing policy that a utility's reasonable level of     |
| 15 |    | interest expense should be recovered as a component of net              |
| 16 |    | operating income for return. Therefore, I have removed the interest     |
| 17 |    | expense from operating revenue deductions included by the               |
| 18 |    | Company.  |
| 19 |    | DEPRECIATION EXPENSE  |
| 20 | Q. | PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR ADJUSTMENT TO DEPRECIATION                          |
| 21 |    | FYDENSE   |

| 1  | A. | Depreciation expense has been calculated based on my adjusted            |
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| 2  |    | level of plant in services and the service lives recommended by          |
| 3  |    | Public Staff witness Furr.   |
| 4  |    | REGULATORY FEE   |
| 5  | Q. | PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR ADJUSTMENT TO REGULATORY FEE.                        |
| 6  | A. | I have adjusted the regulatory fee to reflect the statutory rate of .14% |
| 7  |    | applied to revenues under present rates, Company proposed rates          |
| 8  |    | and Public Staff recommended rates.                                      |
| 9  |    | STATE INCOME TAX   |
| 10 | Q. | PLEASE EXPLAIN YOUR ADJUSTMENT TO STATE INCOME                           |
| 11 |    | TAX.   |
| 12 | A. | State income tax was calculated based on the adjusted levels of          |
| 13 |    | revenues and expenses, and the State income tax rate of 3%,              |
| 14 |    | effective January 1, 2017.   |
| 15 |    | FEDERAL INCOME TAX   |
| 16 | Q. | WHAT ADJUSTMENT HAVE YOU MADE TO FEDERAL INCOME                          |
| 17 |    | TAX?   |
| 18 | A. | Federal income tax is based on the statutory corporate rate of 21%       |
| 19 |    | as prescribed in the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017, effective January     |
| 20 |    | 1, 2018.   |
| 21 | Q. | DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?                                       |
| 22 | Α. | Yes, it does.  |

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For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2017 **Rocky River** 

**Public Staff** Chiu Exhibit I Schedule 1(a)

| Line<br>No. | <u>Item</u>                                     | Present Rates (a)  | Company<br>Proposed<br>Rates<br>(b) |
|-------------|---|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1.          | Net operating income for a return               | (\$23,942) [1]     | (\$17,174) [4]                      |
| 2.          | Operating revenue deductions requiring a return | 55,981_ [2]        | 55,981_ [5]                         |
| 3.          | Return  | <u>-42.77%</u> [3] | -30.68% [3]                         |

Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(a), Line 30, Column (c). [1]

Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(a), Line 19 + Line 20 + Line 21 + Line 22 + Line 23 + Line 24, Column (c). [2] [3]

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#### Water Resources, Inc. Docket No. W-1034, Sub 8 MARGIN ON OPERATING REVENUE DEDUCTIONS REQUIRING A RETURN For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2017 River Walk

| Line<br>No. | <u>ltem</u>                                     | Present Rates (a) | Company<br>Proposed<br>Rates<br>(b) |     | Public Staff<br>Recommended<br>Rates<br>(c) |     |
|-------------|---|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-----|---|-----|
| 1.          | Net operating income for a return               | \$2,815 [1]       | \$4,872                             | [4] | \$2,223                                     | [6] |
| 2.          | Operating revenue deductions requiring a return | 29,646 [2]        | 29,646                              | [5] | 29,646                                      | [7] |
| 3.          | Return  | 9.49% [3]         | 16.43%                              | [3] | 7.50%                                       | [8] |

| [1] | Chiu Exhibit I. | Cahadula 2/h)  | line 20  | Column (a)  |
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Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(b), Line 19 + Line 20 + Line 21 + Line 22 + Line 23 + Line 24, Column (g).

<sup>[2]</sup> [3] [4] [5] [6] [7] [8] Provided by Public Staff Financial Analyst Hinton.

### Water Resources, Inc. Docket No. W-1034, Sub 8 ORIGINAL COST RATE BASE For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2017 **Rocky River**

| Line<br>No. | <u>ltem</u>                                 | Per Application (a) | Public Staff Adjustments [1] | After Public Staff Adjustments (c) |
|-------------|---|---------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1.          | Plant in service                            | \$47,425            | \$30,318                     | \$77,743 [2]                       |
| 2.          | Accumulated depreciation                    | (44,425)            | (27,121)                     | (71,546) [3]                       |
| 3           | Contributions in aid of construction        | 0                   | (13,295)                     | (13,295) [4]                       |
| 4.          | Net plant in service (L1 + L2 + L3)         | 3,000               | (10,098)                     | (7,098)                            |
| 5.          | Cash working capital                        | 0                   | 6,498                        | 6,498 [5]                          |
| 6.          | Average tax accruals                        | 0                   | (576)                        | (576) [6]                          |
| 7.          | Original cost rate base (Sum of L5 thru L6) | \$3,000             | (\$4,176)                    | (\$1,176)                          |

Column (c) - Column (a).
 Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 2-1(a), Line 21, Column (a).
 Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 2-1(a), Line 21, Column (f).
 CIAC from previous rate case
 One-eighth of O&M expenses.
 One-half of property tax plus one-fifth of payroll tax.

Water Resources, Inc. Docket No. W-1034, Sub 8

#### CALCULATION OF PLANT IN SERVICE, ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION, AND DEPRECIATION EXPENSE

For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2017 Rocky River

| Line<br>No. | <u>Item</u>                                      | Plant In<br>Service<br>(a) | [1] | Year Placed<br>In Service<br>(b) | [1] _ | Life<br>(c) | [1] _ | Years in<br>Service<br>(d) | [3] | Annual Depreciation [4] | Accumulated Depreciation [5] |
|-------------|--|----------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|-------|-------------|-------|----------------------------|-----|-------------------------|------------------------------|
|             | Amounts In prior rate case:                      |                            |     |                                  |       |             |       |                            |     |                         |                              |
| 1.          | Land   | \$3.000                    |     | 1988                             |       | n/a         |       | n/a                        |     | n/a                     | n/a                          |
| 2.          | Water system installed in 1988                   | 14,600                     |     | 1988                             |       | 25          |       | 29.50                      |     | 0                       | (14,600)                     |
| 3.          | Organizational costs                             | 10,017                     |     | 1993                             |       | 25          |       | 24.50                      |     | 401                     | (9,825)                      |
| 4.          | Meters, connections, etc.                        | 4,425                      |     | 1994                             |       | 20          |       | 23.50                      |     | 0                       | (4,425)                      |
| 5.          | Fence, storage tank                              | 3,400                      |     | 1994                             |       | 25          |       | 23.50                      |     | 136                     | (3,196)                      |
| 6.          | Meters, connections, etc.                        | 5,321                      |     | 1995                             |       | 20          |       | 22.50                      |     | 0                       | (5,321)                      |
| 7.          | McMillan Acres expansion                         | 7,196                      |     | 1995                             |       | 25          |       | 22.50                      |     | 288                     | (6,480)                      |
| 8.          | Meters, installation only                        | 518                        |     | 1996                             |       | 20          |       | 21.50                      |     | 0                       | (518)                        |
| 9.          | Pump   | 6,540                      |     | 1996                             |       | 10          |       | 21.50                      |     | 0                       | (6,540)                      |
| 10.         | Meters, connections, etc.                        | 874                        |     | 1996                             |       | 20          |       | 21.50                      |     | 0                       | (874)                        |
| 11.         | Meters, installation only                        | 390                        |     | 1997                             |       | 20          |       | 20.50                      |     | 0                       | (390)                        |
| 12.         | Meters, connections, etc.                        | 385                        |     | 1998                             |       | 20          |       | 19.50                      |     | 19                      | (371)                        |
| 13.         | Meters, connections, etc.                        | 206                        |     | 2000                             |       | 20          |       | 17.50                      |     | 10                      | (175)                        |
| 14.         | Meters, connections, etc.                        | 165                        |     | 2001                             |       | 20          |       | 16.50                      |     | 8                       | (132)                        |
| 15.         | Clearing trees & stumps                          | 2,360                      |     | 2001                             |       | 10          |       | 16.50                      |     | 0                       | (2,360)                      |
| 16.         | Pumps  | 7,372                      |     | 1999                             |       | 10          |       | 18.50                      |     | 0                       | (7,372)                      |
| 17.         | Pumps  | 6,508                      |     | 2000                             |       | 10          |       | 17.50                      |     | 0                       | (6,508)                      |
| 18.         | Pumps  | 1,957                      |     | 2001                             |       | 10          |       | 16.50                      |     | 0_                      | (1,957)                      |
| 19.         | Total from prior rate case (Sum of Lines 1 - 18) | 75,234                     |     |                                  |       |             |       |                            |     | 862                     | (71,044)                     |
|             | Additions since last rate case:                  |                            |     |                                  |       |             |       |                            |     |                         |                              |
| 20.         | Well Pump Motor                                  | 2,509                      | [2] | 2017                             |       | 5           | [2]   | 1.00                       |     | 502                     | (502)                        |
| 21.         | Total plant in service L19 + L20)                | \$77,743                   |     |                                  |       |             |       |                            |     | \$1,364                 | (\$71,546)                   |

<sup>[1]</sup> Amount approved in last general rate case, Docket No. W-1034, Sub 4.

Per Public Staff Engineer Furr. [2]

Based on year placed in service using half year convention.

Column (a) divided by Column (c), unless fully depreciated.

Column (d) x Column (e), unless fully depreciated.

### Water Resources, Inc. Docket No. W-1034, Sub 8 ORIGINAL COST RATE BASE For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2017 **River Walk**

| Line<br>No. | <u>ltem</u>                                 | Per<br>Application<br>(a) | Public Staff Adjustments [1] | After Public Staff Adjustments (c) |
|-------------|---|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1.          | Plant in service                            | \$0                       | \$33,633                     | \$33,633 [2]                       |
| 2.          | Accumulated depreciation                    | 0                         | (15,023)                     | (15,023) [3]                       |
| 3           | Contributions in aid of construction        | 0                         | 00                           | 0                                  |
| 4.          | Net plant in service (L1 + L2 + L3)         | 0                         | 18,610                       | 18,610                             |
| 5.          | Cash working capital                        | 0                         | 3,438                        | 3,438 [4]                          |
| 6.          | Average tax accruals                        | 0                         | (197)                        | (197) [5]                          |
| 7.          | Original cost rate base (Sum of L5 thru L6) | \$0                       | \$21,851                     | \$21,851                           |

Column (c) - Column (a).
 Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 2-1(b), Line 9, Column (a).
 Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 2-1(b), Line 9, Column (f).
 One-eighth of O&M expenses.
 One-half of property tax plus one-fifth of payroll tax.

Public Staff

Chiu Exhibit I

Schedule 2-1(b)

#### Water Resources, Inc.

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#### CALCULATION OF PLANT IN SERVICE, ACCUMULATED

#### DEPRECIATION, AND DEPRECIATION EXPENSE

For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2017

River Walk

| Line<br>No. | <u>Item</u>                                       | Plant In Service (a) | Year Placed In Service [1] | Life [1] | Years in Service (d) | Annual [2] Depreciation [3] (e) | Accumulated Depreciation [4] |
|-------------|---|----------------------|----------------------------|----------|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
|             | Amounts In franchise proceeding:                  |                      |                            |          |                      |                                 |                              |
| 1.          | Water system installed in 2002                    | \$18,495             | 2002                       | 30       | 15.50                | \$617                           | (\$9,564)                    |
| 2.          | 35 gallon poly solution tank                      | 91                   | 2007                       | 5        | 10.50                | 0                               | (91)                         |
| 3.          | Chemical feed pump (installed)                    | 665                  | 2007                       | 3        | 10.50                | 0                               | (665)                        |
| 4.          | Meter spuds and meters                            | 243                  | 2007                       | 30       | 10.50                | 8                               | (84)                         |
| 5.          | Meter boxes                                       | 195                  | 2010                       | 30       | 7.50                 | 7                               | (53)                         |
| 6.          | Cut-off vales                                     | 177                  | 2010                       | 15       | 7.50                 | 12                              | (90)                         |
| 7           | Meters  | 75                   | 2010                       | 30       | 7.50                 | 3                               | (23)                         |
| 8.          | Organizational costs                              | 13,692               | 2011                       | 20       | 6.50                 | 685                             | (4,453)                      |
| 9.          | Total from prior rate case (Sum of Lines 1 thru I | .8) \$33,633         |                            |          |                      | \$1,332                         | (\$15,023)                   |

<sup>[1]</sup> Amount approved in franchise proceeding Docket No. W-1034, Sub 6.

<sup>[2]</sup> Based on year placed in service using half year convention.

<sup>[3]</sup> Column (a) divided by Column (c), unless fully depreciated.

<sup>[4]</sup> Column (d) x Column (e), unless fully depreciated.

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|      |                                    |             | Present Rates   |            |        | Company  | Propo: | sed Rates  |          |
|------|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|------------|--------|----------|--------|------------|----------|
|      |                                    | 8.          | Public          | Per        | -      | Net      |        | Operations | -        |
| Line |                                    | Per         | Staff           | Public     |        | Company  |        | After Rate |          |
| No.  | Item                               | Application | Adjustments [1] | Staff      | [2]    | Increase | [12]   | Increase   | [13]     |
|      |                                    | (a)         | (b)             | (c)        |        | (d)      |        | (e)        |          |
| 1.   | Operating Revenues:                |             |                 |            |        |          |        |            |          |
| 2.   | Service revenues                   | \$31,926    | \$903           | \$32,829   |        | \$6,778  |        | \$39,607   |          |
| 3.   | Other revenues                     | 20,922      | (20,879)        | 43         |        | 0        |        | 43         |          |
| 4.   | Bad debt                           | 0_          | (788)           | (788)      | [5] _  | 0        |        | (788       |          |
| 5.   | Total operating revenues           | 52,848      | (20,764)        | 32,084     | -      | 6,778    | -      | 38,862     | _        |
| 6.   | Operating Revenue Deductions:      |             |                 |            |        |          |        |            |          |
| 7.   | Salaries                           | 23,945      | 0               | 23,945     |        | 0        |        | 23,945     |          |
| 8.   | Administrative and office          | 11,949      | (3,939)         | 8,010      |        | 0        |        | 8,010      |          |
| 9.   | Maintenance and repair             | 13,384      | (3,235)         | 10,149     |        | 0        |        | 10,149     |          |
| 10.  | Transportation expenses            | 403         | (403)           |            | [3]    | 0        |        | 0          |          |
| 11.  | Electric power                     | 6,210       | 0               | 6,210      |        | 0        |        | 6,210      |          |
| 12.  | Chemicals                          | 553         | 243             | 796        | [3]    | 0        |        | 796        |          |
| 13.  | Testing                            | 2,130       | (307)           | 1,823      | [3]    | 0        |        | 1,823      |          |
| 14.  | Permit fees                        | 350         | 0               | 350        |        | 0        |        | 350        |          |
| 15.  | Professional fees                  | 0           | 0               |            | [3]    | 0        |        | 0          |          |
| 16.  | Purchased water treatment          | 657         | (30)            | 627        |        | 0        |        | 627        |          |
| 17.  | Rate case expense                  | 0           | 77              | 77         | [7]    | 0        |        | 77         |          |
| 18.  | Interest expense                   | 1,667       | (1,667)         | 0          |        | 0        |        | 0          |          |
| 19.  | Total O&M expenses                 | 61,248      | (9,261)         | 51,987     |        | 0        |        | 51,987     |          |
| 20.  | Depreciation expense               | 0           | 1,364           | 1,364      | [8]    | 0        |        | 1,364      |          |
| 21.  | Amortization expense               | 0           | 0               | 0          |        | 0        |        | 0          |          |
| 22.  | Property taxes                     | 967         | (668)           | 299        | [3]    | 0        |        | 299        |          |
| 23.  | Payroll taxes                      | 2,130       | 0               | 2,130      |        | 0        |        | 2,130      |          |
| 24.  | Other taxes                        | 201         | 0               | 201        |        | 0        |        | 201        |          |
| 25.  | Regulatory fee                     | 0           | 45              | 45         | [9]    | 9        |        | 54         | [9]      |
| 26.  | Gross receipts tax                 | 0           | 0               | 0          |        | 0        |        | 0          |          |
| 27.  | State income tax                   | 0           | 0               | - 0        | [10]   | 0        |        | 0          | [14]     |
| 28.  | Federal income tax                 | 0           | 0               | 0          | [11] - | 0        |        | 0          | [15]     |
| 29.  | Total operating revenue deductions | 64,546      | (8,520)         | 56,026     | - 9-   | 9        |        | 56,035     | <u>.</u> |
| 30.  | Net operating income for return    | (\$11,698)  | (\$12,244)      | (\$23,942) |        | \$6,769  |        | (\$17,174  | <u>)</u> |

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- [1] Column (c) minus Column (a), unless otherwise footnoted.
- [2] Column (a) plus Column (b), unless otherwise footnoted.
- [3] Per Public Staff Engineer Furr.
- [4] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3-2, Line 3, Column (a) .
- [5] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3-3, Line 3, Column (a).
- [6] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3-4, Line 3, Column (a).
- [7] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3-5, Line 6, Column (b).
- [8] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 2-1(a), Line 21, Column (e).
- [9] Line 5 multiplied by 0.14%.
- [10] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3-6(a), Line 14, Column (a). [11] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3-6(a), Line 16, Column (a).
- [12] Column (e) minus Column (c), unless otherwise footnoted.
- [13] Column (c) plus Column (d), unless otherwise footnoted.
- [14] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3-6(a), Line 14, Column (b).
- [15] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3-6(a), Line 16, Column (b).

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River Walk

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|      | River Walk                         |                      |                  |              |               |               | 5 15 6   | -             |
|------|------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--|---------------|
|      |                                    |                      | 120 004200       |              |               |               | Public St<br>Recommende  |               |
|      |                                    |                      | Present Rates    |              | Company Propo |               | Net Public   | Operations    |
|      |                                    | V <del>22</del> 0000 | Public           | Per          | Net           | Operations    | Staff  | After Rate    |
| Line |                                    | Per                  | Staff            | Public       | Company       | After Rate    | 707-10 Control |               |
| No.  | Item                               | Application          | _Adjustments_[1] | Staff [2]    | Increase [12] | Increase [13] | Decrease [16]  | Decrease [17] |
|      |                                    | (a)                  | (b)              | (c)          | (d)           | (e)           | (f)  | (g)           |
| 1.   | Operating Revenues:                | 500 WO STOWN         | 222322           |              |               | 400 457 (0)   | (6770)   | 600 000 (40)  |
| 2.   | Service revenues                   | \$34,384             | (\$916)          | \$33,468 [3] | \$2,689       | \$36,157 [3]  | (\$773)  | \$32,696 [18] |
| 3.   | Other revenues                     | 5,981                | (5,862)          | 119 [4]      | 0             | 119           | 0  | 119           |
| 4.   | Bad debt                           | 0                    | (221)            | (221) [5]    | 0             | (221)         | (772)  | (221)         |
| 5.   | Total operating revenues           | 40,365               | (6,999)          | 33,366       | 2,689         | 36,055        | (773)  | 32,593        |
| 6.   | Operating Revenue Deductions:      |                      |                  |              |               |               | _  | . 700         |
| 7.   | Salaries                           | 6,722                | 0                | 6,722        | 0             | 6,722         | 0  | 6,722         |
| 8.   | Administrative and office          | 3,478                | (1,106)          | 2,372 [6]    | 0             | 2,372         | 0  | 2,372         |
| 9.   | Maintenance and repair             | 10,584               | (759)            | 9,825 [3]    | 0             | 9,825         | 0  | 9,825         |
| 10.  | Transportation expenses            | 113                  | (113)            | 0 [3]        | 0             | 0             | 0  | 0             |
| 11.  | Electric power                     | 6,401                | 0                | 6,401        | 0             | 6,401         | 0  | 6,401         |
| 12.  | Chemicals                          | 552                  | (328)            | 224 [3]      | 0             | 224           | 0  | 224           |
| 13.  | Testing                            | 960                  | 711              | 1,671 [3]    | 0             | 1,671         | 0  | 1,671         |
| 14.  | Permit fees                        | 270                  | 0                | 270 [3]      | 0             | 270           | 0  | 270           |
| 15.  | Professional fees                  | 0                    | 0                | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0  | 0             |
| 16.  | Purchased water treatment          | 0                    | 0                | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0  | 0             |
| 17.  | Rate case expense                  | 0                    | 21               | 21 [7]       | 0             | 21            | 0  | 21            |
| 18.  | Interest expense                   | 461_                 | (461)            | 0            | 0_            | 0             |  | 0             |
| 19.  | Total O&M expenses                 | 29,541               | (2,035)          | 27,506       | 0             | 27,506        | 0  | 27,506        |
| 20.  | Depreciation expense               | 0                    | 1,332            | 1,332 [8]    | 0             | 1,332         | 0  | 1,332         |
| 21.  | Amortization expense               | 0                    | 0                | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0  | 0             |
| 22.  | Property taxes                     | 187                  | (34)             | 153 [3]      | 0             | 153           | 0  | 153           |
| 23.  | Payroll taxes                      | 598                  | 0                | 598          | 0             | 598           | 0  | 598           |
| 24.  | Other taxes                        | 57                   | 0                | 57           | 0             | 57            | 0  | 57            |
| 25.  | Regulatory fee                     | 0                    | 47               | 47 [9]       | 4             | 50 [9]        | (1)  | 46 [9]        |
| 26.  | Gross receipts tax                 | 0                    | 0                | 0            | 0             | 0             | 0  | 0             |
| 27.  | State income tax                   | 0                    | 110              | 110 [10]     | 81            | 191 [14]      | (23)   | 87 [19]       |
| 28.  | Federal income tax                 | 0                    | 748              | 748 [11]     | 547           | 1,295 [15]    | (157)  | 591 [20]      |
| 29.  | Total operating revenue deductions | 30,383_              | 168_             | 30,551       | 632           | 31,182        | (181)  | 30,370        |
| 30.  | Net operating income for return    | \$9,982              | (\$7,167)        | \$2,815      | \$2,057       | \$4,872       | (\$591)  | \$2,223       |

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- [1] Column (c) minus Column (a), unless otherwise footnoted.
- [2] Column (a) plus Column (b), unless otherwise footnoted.
- [3] Per Public Staff Engineer Furr.
- [4] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3-2, Line 3, Column (b) .
- [5] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3-3, Line 3, Column (b).
- [6] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3-4, Line 3, Column (b).
- [7] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3-5, Line 6, Column (c).
- [8] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 2-1(b), Line 9, Column (e).
- [9] Line 5 multiplied by 0.14%.
- [10] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3-6(b), Line 14, Column (a).
- [11] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3-6(b), Line 16, Column (a).
- [12] Column (e) minus Column (c), unless otherwise footnoted.
- [13] Column (c) plus Column (d), unless otherwise footnoted.
- [14] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3-6(b), Line 14, Column (b). [15] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3-6(b), Line 16, Column (b).
- [16] Column (g) minus Column (c), unless otherwise footnoted.
- [17] Column (e) plus Column (f), unless otherwise footnoted.
- [18] Revenue requirement as calculated by the Public Staff. [19] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3-6(b), Line 14, Column (c).
- [20] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3-6(b), Line 16, Column (c).

### Water Resources, Inc. Docket No. W-1034, Sub 8 CALCULATION OF ALLOCATION OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2017

| Line<br>No. | <u>ltem</u>                                   | Amount Per Application (a) | Rocky River (b) | River Walk (c) |
|-------------|---|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
|             |   | (-)                        | NTZ             | Miles          |
| 1.          | Service revenues                              | \$66,310                   | \$31,926 [1]    | \$34,384 [1]   |
| 2.          | Other revenues - allocated                    | 26,741                     | 20,879 [2]      | 5,862 [3]      |
| 3.          | Other revenues - directly assigned            | 161_                       | 43_[1]          | 119_[1]        |
| 4.          | Total Revenues (L1 + L2)                      | \$93,212                   | \$52,848        | \$40,365       |
| 5.          | Salaries and wages                            | 30,667                     | 23,945 [2]      | 6,722 [3]      |
| 6.          | Administrative and office - allocated         | 15,304                     | 11,949 [2]      | 3,355 [3]      |
| 7.          | Administrative and office - directly assigned | 123                        | 0 [1]           | 123 [1]        |
| 8.          | Maintenance and repair                        | 23,968                     | 13,384 [1]      | 10,584 [1]     |
| 9.          | Transportation                                | 516                        | 403 [2]         | 113 [3]        |
| 10.         | Purchased power                               | 12,611                     | 6,210 [1]       | 6,401 [1]      |
| 11.         | Chemicals                                     | 1,105                      | 553 [1]         | 552 [1]        |
| 12.         | Testing                                       | 3,090                      | 2,130 [1]       | 960 [1]        |
| 13.         | Permit fees                                   | 620                        | 350 [1]         | 270 [1]        |
| 14.         | Purchased power treatment                     | 657                        | 657 [1]         | 0 [1]          |
| 15.         | Property tax - allocated                      | 854                        | 667 [2]         | 187 [3]        |
| 16.         | Property tax - directly assigned              | 300                        | 300 [1]         | 0 [1]          |
| 17.         | Payroll tax                                   | 2,728                      | 2,130 [2]       | 598 [3]        |
| 18.         | Other taxes                                   | 258                        | 201 [2]         |                |
| 19.         | Interest on debt - allocated                  | 2,102                      | 1,641 [2]       |                |
| 20.         | Interest on debt - directly assigned          | 26                         | 26 [1]          |                |
| 21.         | Total Expenses (Sum of L5 thru L20)           | \$94,929                   | \$64,546        | \$30,383       |
| 41.         | Total Experience (Carrier to the E20)         |                            |                 |                |

Column (a) amounts directly assigned.
 Column (a) multiplied by Rock River customer allocation factor of 78.08%.
 Column (a) multiplied by River Walk customer allocation factor of 21.92%.

# Water Resources, Inc. Docket No. W-1034, Sub 8 CALCULATION OF OTHER REVENUE For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2017

| Line<br>No. | <u>Item</u>   | Rocky River (a) | River Walk<br>(b) |
|-------------|---|-----------------|-------------------|
| 1.          | Other revenue per application                           | \$20,922        | \$5,981           |
| 2.          | Adjustment to remove non-utility antennae lease revenue | (20,879) [1]    | (5,862) [1]       |
| 3.          | Other revenue per Public Staff (L1 + L2)                | \$43            | \$119             |

<sup>[1]</sup> Per examination of Company's financial records.

### Water Resources, Inc. Docket No. W-1034, Sub 8 CALCULATION OF BAD DEBT

For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2017

| <u>ltem</u>  | Rocky River  | River Walk   |
|--|--|--|
|  | (a)  | (b)  |
| Bad debt reclassified from administrative & office | (\$3,939) [1]  | (\$1,106) [2]  |
| Amortization period in years                       | 5  | 5  |
| Bad debt per Public Staff (L1 / L2)                | (\$788)  | (\$221)  |
|  | Bad debt reclassified from administrative & office  Amortization period in years | Bad debt reclassified from administrative & office (\$3,939) [1]  Amortization period in years |

 <sup>[1]</sup> Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3-4, Line 2, Column (a).
 [2] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3-4, Line 2, Column (b).

Water Resources, Inc.
Docket No. W-1034, Sub 8
CALCULATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND OFFICE EXPENSES
For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2017

| Line<br>No. | <u>Item</u>  | Rocky River (a) | River Walk (b) |
|-------------|--|-----------------|----------------|
| 1.          | Administrative and office expense per application            | \$11,949        | \$3,478        |
| 2.          | Adjustment to reclassify bad debt expense                    | (3,939) [1]     | (1,106) [1]    |
| 3.          | Administrative and office expense per Public Staff (L1 + L2) | \$8,010         | \$2,372        |

<sup>[1]</sup> Per examination of Company's financial records.

Water Resources, Inc.
Docket No. W-1034, Sub 8
CALCULATION OF RATE CASE EXPENSE
For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2017

| Line<br>No. | <u>Item</u>                                  | Amount (a) | • 3 | Rocky River (b) | River Walk (c) |
|-------------|--|------------|-----|-----------------|----------------|
| 1.          | Cost to mail notices                         | \$193      | [1] |                 |                |
| 2.          | NCUC filing fees                             | 100        | [2] |                 |                |
| 3.          | Legal expense                                | 0          | •   |                 |                |
| 4.          | Total regulatory expense (Sum of L1 thru L3) | 293        |     |                 |                |
| 5.          | Amortization period in years                 | 3          |     |                 |                |
| 6.          | Annual regulatory expense (L4 / L5)          | \$98       |     | \$77            | \$21           |

<sup>[1]</sup> Based on 146 customers times 2 (mailings) times \$.66 for stamps, envelopes, and copying. [2] Filing fee per application.

#### Water Resources, Inc.

#### Docket No. W-1034, Sub 8 CALCULATION OF INCOME TAXES For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2017 **Rocky River**

| Line<br>No. | <u>Item</u>                           | Present Rates [1] | Company<br>Proposed<br>Rates [2] |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
|             |                                       | (a)               | (b)                              |
| 1.          | Operating revenue                     | \$32,084          | \$38,862                         |
| 2.          | Operating revenue deductions:         |                   |                                  |
| 3.          | O & M expenses                        | 51,987            | 51,987                           |
| 4.          | Depreciation expense                  | 1,364             | 1,364                            |
| 5.          | Amortization expense                  | 0                 | 0                                |
| 6.          | Property taxes                        | 299               | 299                              |
| 7.          | Payroll taxes                         | 2,130             | 2,130                            |
| 8.          | Other taxes                           | 201               | 201                              |
| 9.          | Regulatory fee                        | 45                | 54                               |
| 10.         | Gross receipts tax                    | 0                 | 0                                |
| 11.         | Interest expense                      | 0                 | 0                                |
| 12.         | Total deductions (Sum of L3 thru L11) | 56,026            | 56,035                           |
| 13.         | Taxable income (L1 - L12)             | (23,942)          | (17,174)                         |
| 14.         | State income tax (L13 x 3%)           | 0                 | 0                                |
| 15.         | Federal taxable income (L13 - L14)    | (23,942)          | (17,174)                         |
| 16.         | Federal income tax (L15 x 21%)        | 0                 | 0                                |
| 17.         | Net amount (L15 - L16)                | (23,942)          | (17,174)                         |
| 18.         | Add: Interest expense                 | 0                 | 0_                               |
| 19.         | Net income for return (L17 + L18)     | (\$23,942)        | (\$17,174)                       |
|             |                                       |                   |                                  |

Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(a), Column (c). Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(a), Column (e).

<sup>[1]</sup> [2]

# Water Resources, Inc. Docket No. W-1034, Sub 8 CALCULATION OF INCOME TAXES For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2017 River Walk

| Line<br>No. | Item                                  | Present<br>Rates [1] | Company<br>Proposed<br>Rates [2] | Public Staff<br>Recommended<br>Rates [3] |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|--|
|             |                                       | (a)                  | (b)                              | (c)                                      |
| 1           | Operating revenue                     | \$33,366             | \$36,055                         | \$32,593                                 |
| 2.          | Operating revenue deductions:         |                      |                                  |  |
| 3.          | O & M expenses                        | 27,506               | 27,506                           | 27,506                                   |
| 4.          | Depreciation expense                  | 1,332                | 1,332                            | 1,332                                    |
| 5.          | Amortization expense                  | 0                    | 0                                | 0  |
| 6.          | Property taxes                        | 153                  | 153                              | 153                                      |
| 7.          | Payroll taxes                         | 598                  | 598                              | 598                                      |
| 8.          | Other taxes                           | 57                   | 57                               | 57                                       |
| 9.          | Regulatory fee                        | 47                   | 50                               | 46                                       |
| 10.         | Gross receipts tax                    | 0                    | 0                                | 0  |
| 11.         | Interest expense                      | 0                    | 0                                | 0_                                       |
| 12.         | Total deductions (Sum of L3 thru L11) | 29,693               | 29,696                           | 29,692                                   |
| 13.         | Taxable income (L1 - L12)             | 3,673                | 6,358                            | 2,901                                    |
| 14.         | State income tax (L13 x 3%)           | 110                  | 191                              | 87                                       |
| 15.         | Federal taxable income (L13 - L14)    | 3,563                | 6,167                            | 2,814                                    |
| 16.         | Federal income tax (L15 x 21%)        | 748                  | 1,295                            | 591_                                     |
| 17.         | Net amount (L15 - L16)                | 2,815                | 4,872                            | 2,223                                    |
| 18.         | Add: Interest expense                 | 00                   | 0                                | 0  |
| 19.         | Net income for return (L17 + L18)     | \$2,815              | \$4,872                          | \$2,223                                  |

Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(b), Column (c). Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(b), Column (e). Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(b), Column (g). [1] [2] [3]

#### Water Resources, Inc.

#### Docket No. W-1034, Sub 8 CALCULATION OF OPERATING RATIOS For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2017 **Rocky River**

**Public Staff** Chiu Exhibit I Schedule 4(a)

| Line<br>No.   | <u>Item</u>  | Present Rates (a) |     | Company<br>Proposed<br>Rates<br>(b) |     |
|---|--|-------------------|-----|-------------------------------------|-----|
|   | Interest expense, regulatory fee, gross receipts, and income taxes included: |                   |     |                                     |     |
| 1.  | Gross operating revenues   | \$32,084          | [1] | \$38,862                            | [5] |
| 2.  | Operating expenses   | 56,026            | [2] | 56,035                              | [6] |
| 3.  | Operating ratios (L2 / L1)   | 174.62%           |     | 144.19%                             |     |
|   |  |                   |     |                                     |     |
|   | Interest expense, regulatory fee, gross receipts,                            |                   |     |                                     |     |
| 4.  | Gross operating revenues   | \$32,039          | [3] | \$38,807                            | [7] |
| 5.  | Operating expenses   | 55,981            | [4] | 55,981                              | [8] |
| 6.  | Operating ratios (L5 / L4)   | 174.73%           | ı   | 144.25%                             |     |
| [1] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(a), Line 5, Column (c). [2] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(a), Line 29, Column (c). [3] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(a), Line 5 - Line 25 - Line 26 - Line 27 - Line 28, Column (c). [4] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(a), Line 29 - Line 25 - Line 26 - Line 27 - Line 28, Column (c). [5] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(a), Line 5, Column (e). [6] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(a), Line 29, Column (e). [7] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(a), Line 5 - Line 25 - Line 26 - Line 27 - Line 28, Column (e). [8] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(a), Line 29 - Line 25 - Line 26 - Line 27 - Line 28, Column (e). |  |                   |     |                                     |     |
|   |  |                   |     |                                     |     |

#### Water Resources, Inc.

#### Docket No. W-1034, Sub 8 CALCULATION OF OPERATING RATIOS For the Test Year Ended December 31, 2017 **River Walk**

| Line<br>No. | <u>Item</u>  | Present Rates (a) | Company<br>Proposed<br>Rates<br>(b) | Public Staff Recommended Rates (c) |
|-------------|--|-------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|             | Interest expense, regulatory fee, gross receipts, and income taxes included: |                   |                                     |                                    |
| 1.          | Gross operating revenues   | \$33,366 [1]      | \$36,055 [5]                        | \$32,593 [9]                       |
| 2.          | Operating expenses   | 30,551 [2]        | 31,182 [6]                          | 30,370 [10]                        |
| 3.          | Operating ratios (L2 / L1)   | 91.56%            | 86.49%                              | 93.18%                             |
|             | Interest expense, regulatory fee, gross receipts,                            |                   |                                     |                                    |
| 4.          | Gross operating revenues   | \$33,321 [3]      | \$34,518 [7]                        | \$31,869 [11]                      |
| <b>5</b> .  | Operating expenses   | 29,646_ [4]       | 29,646 [8]                          | 29,646 [12]                        |
| 6.          | Operating ratios (L5 / L4)   | 88.97%            | 85.89%                              | 93.02%                             |

- Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(b), Line 5, Column (c). [1]
- Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(b), Line 29, Column (c). [2]
- Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(b), Line 5 Line 25 Line 26 Line 27 Line 28, Column (c). [3] [4]
- Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(b), Line 29 Line 25 Line 26 Line 27 Line 28, Column (c).
- [5] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(b), Line 5, Column (e).
- Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(b), Line 29, Column (e). [6]
- Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(b), Line 5 Line 25- Line 26 Line 27 Line 28, Column (e). [7]
- Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(b), Line 29 Line 25 Line 26 Line 27 Line 28, Column (e). [8]
- Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(b), Line 5, Column (g). [9]
- [10] Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(b), Line 29, Column (g).
- Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(b), Line 5 Line 25 Line 26 Line 27 Line 28, Column (g). [11]
- Chiu Exhibit I, Schedule 3(b), Line 29 Line 25 Line 26 Line 27 Line 28, Column (g). [12]

NOTE: EASEMENT EXHIBIT REPRESENTS PROPOSED CONCEPTUAL EASEMENT BASED ON IN PROGRESS CONSTRUCTION DRAWINGS. FINAL EASEMENT MAY VERY SLIGHTLY BASED ON ACTUAL PROPERTY BOUNDARY, EASEMENTS AND FIELD LOCATED EXISTING WATER. FINAL EASEMENT SHALL BE PREPARED BY LICENSED SURVEYOR AND WILL EXISTING TREES TO BE INDICATE PROPOSED EASEMENTS (TEMPORARY AND REMOVED MARKED WITH PERMANENT) TIED TO SUBJECT PROPERTY BOUNDARY. RIVER ROAD (SR 1139) (4 TOTAL) EX 60' PUBLIC R W GRID NAD83 (2011) CONTRACTOR SHALL COORDINATE WITH PROPERTY OWNER TO REMOVE EXISTING FENCE FOR INSTALLATION OF WATERMAIN. CONTRACTOR SHALL COORDINATE WITH PROPERTY OWNER OVER THE NEED FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TEMPORARY FENCE DURING  $\frac{1}{2}$ THE CONTRUCTION PROCESS. SIGN RCF PROP. 7'X10' BELOW GROUND METER VAUL EX. TREE PROPOSED ±289 SF OF -OP. ABOVE GROUND PERMANENT TOWN OF TLOW PREVENTION HARRISBURG WATER ÈNCLOSURE EASEMENT (20' WIDE) PROPOSED ±765 SF OF PROPOSED ±524 SF OF PERMANENT "WATER TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES" WATER EASEMENT (VARIABLE WIDTH) EASEMENT (20' WIDE) PROPOSED "BURGESS" PROPERTY EASEMENT PLAN VIEW EXHIBIT 5/28/20 Date: WATER RESOURCES ENGINEERING 1"=20' Scale: TOM SAVAGE DRIVE AND ROCKY RIVER ROAD MC<sup>2</sup> ENGINEERING, INC. O BEN CRAIG DR., STE. 400 CHARLOTTE, NC 28262 PHONE 704.510.9797 HARRISBURG, NC EXH 1.0



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