DW 20-112

Abenaki Water Company

Temporary Rates

Written Direct Testimony of

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Q. Please state your name and address.

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11 A. Stephen P. St. Cyr of Stephen P. St. Cyr & Associates, 17 Sky Oaks Drive, Biddeford, Me. 04005.

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14 Q. Please state your present employment position and summarize your professional and educational background.

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17 A. I am presently employed by St. Cyr & Associates, which provides accounting, 18 tax, management and regulatory services. St. Cyr & Associates was established in 1993. The Company devotes a significant portion of the practice to serving 19 20 utilities. The Company has a number of regulated water utilities among its 21 clientele. I have prepared and presented a number of rate case filings before the 22 New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission. Prior to establishing St. Cyr & 23 Associates, I worked in the utility industry for 16 years, holding various 24 managerial accounting and regulatory positions. I have a Business 25 Administration degree with a concentration in accounting from Northeastern 26 University in Boston, Ma. I obtained my CPA certificate in Maryland, however, 27 I'm not currently licensed in NH due to different licensing requirements. I have a 28 master level Certificate in Taxation from New Hampshire College (now Southern 29 New Hampshire University).

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Is St. Cyr & Associates presently providing services to Abenaki Water Company ("AWC" or "Company")?

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A. Yes. St. Cyr & Associates prepared the various temporary rate case exhibits and supporting schedules as well as the written testimony and other rate case filing requirements for temporary rates. Also, St. Cyr & Associates prepare both recent financing applications (DW 20-044 and DW 20-088). In addition, St. Cyr & Associates prepares Abenaki's PUC Annual Reports.

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40 Q. Are you familiar with the pending **temporary** rate application of the various 41 AWC water and sewer systems and with the various exhibits submitted as 42 Schedules 1 through 4 inclusive, with related pages and attachments for each of 43 the water systems and the sewer system?

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45 A. Yes, I am. The **temporary rate case** exhibits were prepared by me, utilizing the financial records of the Company.

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7 Q. What is the test year that AWC is using in this temporary rate filing?

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A. AWC is utilizing the twelve months ended December 31, 2019 for the Lakeland ("LL") Water and White Rock ("WR") and the 12 months ended 4/30/20 for Tioga Gilford Village ("TGV") and Tioga Belmont ("TB"). AWC is using the 12 months ended 4/30/20 for TGV and TB because there were only 8 months of actual data in the 2019 test year. AWC is also is utilizing the twelve months ended December 31, 2019 for the Lakeland ("LL") Sewer.

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Q. Before you explain the schedules, please provide a brief overview of AWC.

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A. AWC, a wholly owned subsidiary of New England Service Company ("NESC"), is a public utility distributing water to approximately 725 customers in Carroll, Belmont, Bow and Gilford, NH. It also provides sewer to 158 customers in Belmont, NH. As a public utility operating in New Hampshire, the Company functions under the rules and regulations prescribed by the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission ("NHPUC").

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Q. Is the rate application applicable to all of AWC's systems?

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A. No, the rate application excludes the Rosebrook water system.

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Q. Are there specific things prompting the **temporary rate filing**?

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31 A. Yes. First of all, the WR, TGV and TB all experience net losses during the test 32 year. As such, part of the rate application is simply to allow those systems to 33 recover its costs and earn its PUC approved rates of return. Second, each of the 34 water systems incurred normal replacement of plant and/or new plant during the 35 test year. Both TGV and TB made significant investments in the purchased and 36 installed meters. Third, LL Water, WR & TB systems has incurred costs i.e., 37 water boiling, tax rate effect change, water outages, tank inspection, etc. that have 38 been deferred. Those systems are now seeking recovery of such costs over 39 various periods of time. Finally, Lakeland and White Rock's last rate increase was 40 approved in DW 15-199, based on a proformed 2014 test year. TGV and TB's 41 last rate increase was approved in DW 10-217, based on a proformed test year for 42 the 12 months ended 10/31/09. With the proposed increase in temporary rates 43 and revenues, AWC should be able to eliminate the net loss, recover its 44 investments, earn its PUC approved rate of return on its investment and continue 45 to provide service to its customers at fair and reasonable rates.

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7 Q. Is there anything else prior to summarizing the schedules?

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9 A. No.

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11 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?

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13 A. The purpose of my testimony is to support AWC's efforts to increase rates on a temporary basis.

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16 Q. Please provide an overview of the temporary rate filing.

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18 A. The temporary rate filing is the same as the permanent rate filing, except for 19 the elimination of certain pro forma adjustments that are more 20 appropriately reviewed as part of the permanent rate filing. AWC adjusted 21 the revenue downward for each of the systems. It eliminated most of expense 22 adjustments for each of the systems. It also eliminated most of rate base 23 adjustments for each of the systems. In addition, AWC eliminated the pro 24 forma capital structure and rate of return. With the elimination of the 25 various adjustments, AWC believes that the temporary increase in rates / 26 revenues for each of the systems is fair, reasonable and manageable. It allows 27 each of the systems to earn its PUC approved rate of return on its prudently 28 incurred investments and to pay for its necessary operating expenses. The 29 proposed temporary increase will enable each of the systems to continue 30 providing good water with good pressure and reliability at a good price.

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32 Q. Would you please summarize the schedules?

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A. Yes. The schedules consist of AWC 2019, 2018 and 2017 balance sheets and income statements, the 2019 statement of income by system, the 2019, 2018 and 2017 capital structures, the 2019 actual and the rate of return information (collectively referred to as the Total Company Schedules). The Total Company Schedules are followed by a set of **temporary** rate schedules for the LL Sewer entity and the LL Water, WR, TGV and TB water systems.

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Q. Please describe the **Total Company Schedules**.

A. The Total Company Schedules consist of the 2019, 2018 and 2017 balance sheets and income statements, the 2019 statement of income by system, the 2019, 2018 and 2017 capital structures, the 2019 actual long term debt and the rate of return information

Overall, Schedule 1a and 1b shows the Company's balance sheet has increased \$487,621 since 2017, including an increase in utility plant of \$599,472. The Company's cash position has been strained, resulting in a significant A/P to Associated Co., which was subsequently converted to additional paid in capital. Company has also experienced increases in preliminary survey and investigation charges of \$102,041 and miscellaneous deferred debits of \$157,681. In addition, the Company has an increase in additional paid in capital of \$474,730 including the previously mentioned conversion of A/P to Associated Co. Its long-term debt decreased in 2018 and increased in 2019.

Overall, in 2019, Schedule 2a shows the Company's net income amounted to \$29,063. The Company's operating revenues decreased in 2018 and increased in 2019, due to an increase in rates in its Rosebrook water system and 8 months of revenue from newly acquired TGV and TB water systems. The Company's operating expenses decreased in 2018 and increased in 2019. The increase in 2019 is in part due to O&M expenses associated with newly acquired TGV and TB water system.

A closer look at the Company's 2019 net income as shown on Schedule 2b reveals that Rosebrook and Lakeland contributed to the overall net income and WR, TGV and TB did not. WR, TGV & TB experienced net losses amounting to \$19,532, \$13,067 and \$19,975, respectively.

As such, part of the proposed increase in **temporary** rates / revenues is to simply allow those systems to cover their expenses and earn their presently PUC approved rate of return.

Schedule 3 shows the 2019, 2018 & 2017 capital structures. As indicated earlier, the Company has an increase in additional paid in capital of \$474,730 including the previously mentioned conversion of A/P to Associated Co. Its long-term debt decreased in 2018 and increased in 2019.

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Schedule 4 shows the Company's long term debt and interest expense for both actual and pro forma 2019. The actual cost of debt is 4.08%. The pro forma cost of debt is 4.08%, the same as the actual costs of debt for **temporary rate purposes**.

Schedule 5 shows the rate of return information including overall rate of return of 7.81% for both actual and pro forma, respectively. It also shows the capital structures and capital structures percentage for 2019, 2018 and 2017. The Company is utilizing the PUC approved rate of return in DW 15-199.

Q. Is there anything else that you would like to address related to the Total Company Schedules?

20 A. No.

22 Q. Please begin by describing the LL Sewer Schedules for temporary rates.

A. The schedule entitled "Computation of Revenue Deficiency for the Test Year ended December 31, 2019," summarizes the supporting schedules. The actual revenue (deficiency) surplus for LL Sewer for the test year amounts to (\$2,121). It is based upon an actual test year with a 5 quarter average rate base of \$49,752 as summarized in Schedule 3. AWC's actual rate of return is 7.81% for the actual test year. The rate of return of 7.81%, when multiplied by the rate base of \$49,752, results in an operating income requirement of \$3,886. As shown on Schedule 1, the actual net operating income (loss) for LL Sewer for the test year was \$1,765. The operating income required, less the net operating income (loss), results in an operating income (deficiency) surplus before taxes of (\$2,121). LL Sewer did not calculate the tax effect of the revenue deficiency, resulting in a revenue (deficiency) surplus for LL Sewer of (\$2,121).

The pro forma revenue deficiency for LL Sewer for the test year amounts to zero. It is based upon a pro formed test year rate base of \$52,698, as summarized in Schedule 3. AWC is utilizing the actual rate of return of 7.81% for the pro formed test year. The pro formed rate of return of 7.81% when multiplied by the rate base of \$52,698, results in an operating net income requirement of \$4,116.

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7	As shown on Schedule 1, the pro formed net operating income for LL Sewer for		
8	the test year is \$4,115. The operating income required, less the net operating		
9	income, results in a deficiency of zero. The tax effect of the deficiency is zero,		
10	resulting in a revenue deficiency for LL Sewer of zero.		
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12	Schedule 1 reflects LL Sewer's Statement of Income. Column b shows the actual		
13	2019 year end balances. Column c shows pro forma adjustments for known and		
14	measurable changes to test year revenues and expenses. Column d shows the pro		
15	forma 2019 year end balances. The 2018 and 2017 Statements of Income are not		
16	available since 2019 was the first year in which AWC separated the water and		
17	sewer. During the 2019 test year, LL Sewer net income (loss) was \$1,765.		
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19	Schedule 1A shows the pro forma adjustments to revenue and expenses. The		
20	Company made 2 pro forma adjustments to operating revenues totaling \$5,534		
21	and a few pro forma adjustments to operating expenses totaling \$3,184. The		
22	specific pro forma adjustments are identified on the Statement of Income – Pro		
23	forma Adjustments (Schedule 1A). A brief explanation is as follows:		
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25	Pro forma Adjustment to Operating Revenues		
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27	Operating Revenues – \$5,534		
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29	The Company decreased test year operating revenue by (\$5,309) to		
30	eliminate the surcharge revenue.		
31	The Company increased test year operating revenue by \$10,573 for the		
32	proposed amount of revenues necessary to cover its expenses and allow it to earn		
33	its proposed rate of return.		
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35	Pro forma Adjustments to Operating Expense		
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37	Operating Expenses:		
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39	Purchased Water Treatment - \$0		
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41	Miscellaneous Pumping Expenses - \$2,206		
42	In 2019 LL Sewer removed and unbound sewer pump 1. Initially, it		
43	charged such expense to miscellaneous deferred debit. Upon further review, it		
44	was determined that the expense was maintenance in nature and should have been		
45	charged to expense. As such, the pro forma adjustment transferred the expense		
46	from miscellaneous deferred debits to miscellaneous pumping expenses.		

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7	<u>Lease Agreements - \$0</u>
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9	PUC Audit - \$0
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11	Amortization Expenses – Other - \$594
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13	2019 Tax Rate Effect Change
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15	During 2018 & 2019 AWC incurred \$8,490 of costs related to Dockets IR
16	18-001 and DW 18-047 related to the PUC investigation to determine the rate
17	effect of federal and state corporate tax reductions. The investigation involved
18	AWC preparing a compliance plan along with attachments, the PUC Staff
19	recommendation and the PUC order approving Staff's recommendation. AWC
20	later allocated such costs to its 3 systems at the time including Lakeland. In 2019
21	Lakeland further allocated such costs between water and sewer. LL Sewer costs
22	amounts to \$1,536. LL Sewer is proposing to recover the costs over 5 years, at an
23	annual cost of \$307.
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25	2019 Sewer Step Rate Increase
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27	In DW 15-199 the PUC approved a step increase for an anticipated
28	increase in sewer rates that the City of Laconia charges LL Sewer. LL Sewer
29	pursued the step increase in 2019 and incurred various \$1,536 costs to do so. LL
30	Sewer is proposing to recover the costs over 5 years, at an annual cost of \$287.
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33	Income Taxes - \$384
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35	The Company has provided the calculation of the federal income taxes and the
36	state business taxes (Schedule 1B). The Company has also provided the effective
37	tax factor (Schedule 1C).
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39	The total pro forma adjustments to Operating Expenses amount to \$3,184.
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7		The net of the pro forma adjustments to operating revenue of \$5,534 and	
8		the pro forma adjustments to operating expenses of \$3,184 results in a net pro	
9		forma adjustment of \$2,350. When the net operating income associated with the	
10		pro forma adjustments is added to net operating income from the test year, the pro	
11 12		forma test year net operating income totals \$4,115. The pro forma test year net	
13		operating income of \$4,115 allows LL Sewer to cover its expenses and	
14		earn its actual 7.81% return on its investments.	
15	Q.	Does that complete your description of the pro forma adjustments to revenues and	
16	Q.	expenses?	
17		expenses:	
18	A.	Yes.	
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20	Q.	Please describe Schedule 2, the Balance Sheet.	
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22	A.	See Total Company Balance Sheet.	
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24	Q.	Please continue with an explanation of Schedule 3, Rate Base and the supporting	
25		schedule.	
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27	A.	Schedule 3 reflects LL Sewer Rate Base the 5 quarter average. Column b – f	
28		shows the actual balance at the end of each quarter. Column g shows the average	
29		of the 5 quarter balances. Column h shows the pro forma adjustments. Column i	
30		shows the pro forma 5 quarter average balances.	
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32		Schedule 3A shows the Rate Base – LL Sewer Pro forma Adjustments.	
33		Adjustments #3 & #4 are the adjustments related to the Dockets IR 18-001 and	
34		DW 18-047 regarding the PUC investigation to determine the rate effect of	
35		federal and state corporate tax reductions and step increase costs totaling \$2,971.	
36		LL Sewer is proposing to recover both costs over 5 years, at an annual cost of	
37		\$594. The half year amortization of such costs is \$297.	
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39		Adjustment #6 pertains to cash working capital and shows the additional cash	
40		working capital due to the proposed increase in O&M expenses. The cash	
41		working capital balances are further supported by Schedules 3C.	
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43		The Total Pro Forma December 31, 2019 Rate Base balance amounts to \$52,698.	
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7	Q.	Would you please explain Schedule 4, Rate of Return Information?	
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9	A.	See Total Company Capital Structure and Rate of Return Information. Please	
10		note that the Capital Structure and Rate of Return Information is for AWC (Total	
11		Company) and not just LL Sewer.	
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13	Q.	Please explain the Report of Proposed Rate Changes.	
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15	A.	If LL Sewer's rate filing is approved as submitted, its total sewer Operating	
16		Revenues will amount to \$121,455, an increase of \$5,534.	
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18	Q.	Is LL Sewer proposing any changes to the methodology used in calculating the	
19		rates?	
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21	A.	No. LL Sewer is calculating the new rates in a manner consistent with its present	
22		rates.	
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22 23 24 25	Q.	When is LL Sewer proposing that the new rates be effective?	
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26	A.	The proposed effective date is 30 days from LL Sewer's rate filing.	
27	• ••	The proposed effective date is 50 days from 22 sever state fining.	
28	Q.	Would you please summarize what the LL Sewer is requesting in its temporary	
29	Q.	rate filing?	
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31	A.	LL Sewer respectfully requests that the Commissioners approve an increase in	
32		annual revenues of \$5,534 for temporary rates.	
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34	Q.	Is there anything further that you would like to discuss?	
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36	A.	No, there is nothing further to my testimony as it pertains to LL Sewer.	
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38	Q.	Please begin by describing the LL Water Schedules for temporary rates.	
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40	A.	The schedule entitled "Computation of Revenue Deficiency for the Test Year	
41	1 1.	ended December 31, 2019," summarizes the supporting schedules. The actual	
42		revenue (deficiency) surplus for LL Water for the test year amounts to \$6,261. It	
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		is based upon an actual test year with a 5 quarter average rate base of \$298,944 as	
14 15		summarized in Schedule 3. AWC's actual rate of return is 7.81% for the actual	
45		test year. The rate of return of 7.81%, when multiplied by the rate base of	
46		\$298,944, results in an operating income requirement of \$23,347.	

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As shown on Schedule 1, the actual net operating income (loss) for LL Water for the test year was \$29,608. The operating income required, less the net operating income (loss), results in an operating income (deficiency) surplus before taxes of \$6,261. LL Water did not calculate the tax effect of the revenue deficiency, resulting in a revenue (deficiency) surplus for LL Water of \$6,261.

The pro forma revenue deficiency for LL Water for the test year amounts to zero. It is based upon a pro formed test year rate base of \$306,898, as summarized in Schedule 3. AWC is utilizing its actual rate of return of 7.81% for the pro formed test year. The pro formed rate of return of 7.81% when multiplied by the rate base of \$306,898, results in an operating net income requirement of \$23,969.

As shown on Schedule 1, the pro formed net operating income for LL Water for the test year is \$23,969. The operating income required, less the net operating income, results in a deficiency of zero. The tax effect of the deficiency is zero, resulting in a revenue deficiency for LL Water of zero.

Schedule 1 reflects LL Water's Statement of Income. Column b shows the actual 2019 year end balances. Column c shows pro forma adjustments for known and measurable changes to test year revenues and expenses. Column d shows the pro forma 2019 year end balances. The 2018 and 2017 Statements of Income are not available since 2019 was the first year in which AWC separated the water and sewer. During the 2019 test year, LL Water net income (loss) was \$24,447.

Schedule 1A shows the pro forma adjustments to revenue and expenses. The Company made 1 pro forma adjustment to operating revenues totaling (\$4,964) and a few pro forma adjustments to operating expenses totaling \$675. The specific pro forma adjustments are identified on the Statement of Income – Pro forma Adjustments (Schedule 1A). A brief explanation is as follows:

Pro forma Adjustment to Operating Revenues

Operating Revenues -(\$4,964)

The Company has decreased test year revenues for the proposed amount of revenues necessary to cover its expenses and allow it to earn its proposed rate of return.

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8	Pro forma Adjustments to Operating Expense		
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12	Lease Agreements - \$0		
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14	PUC Audit - \$0		
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16	Depreciation Expense - \$0		
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18	Amortization Expense - \$990		
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20	In 2017 LL Water incurred \$6,996 related to a water boiling order. LL		
21	Water deferred such costs. It is now proposing to seek recovery over a ten year		
22	period. The annual costs amounts to \$700. Also, see Schedule 3C.		
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24	During 2018 & 2019 AWC incurred \$8,490 of costs related to Dockets IR		
25	18-001 and DW 18-047 related to the PUC investigation to determine the rate		
26	effect of federal and state corporate tax reductions. The investigation involved		
27 28	AWC preparing a compliance plan along with attachments, the PUC Staff recommendation and the PUC order approving Staff's recommendation. AWC		
29	later allocated such costs to its 3 systems at the time including Lakeland. In 2019		
30	Lakeland further allocated such costs between water and sewer. LL Water costs		
31	amounts to \$1,453. LL Water is proposing to recover the costs over 5 years, at an		
32	annual cost of \$290. Also, see Schedule 3C.		
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34	Taxes other than Income - \$0		
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36	Income Taxes – (\$315)		
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38	The Company has provided the calculation of the federal income taxes and		
39	the state business taxes (Schedule 1B). The Company has also provided the		
40	effective tax factor (Schedule 1C).		
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42	The total pro forma adjustments to Operating Expenses amount to \$617.		
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7		The net of the pro forma adjustments to operating revenue of (\$4,964) and	
8 9		the pro forma adjustments to operating expenses of \$675 results in a net pro forma adjustment of (\$5,639). When the net operating income associated with the pro	
10		forma adjustments is added to net operating income from the test year, the pro	
11		forma test year net operating income totals \$23,969. The pro forma test year net	
12		operating income of \$23,969 allows LL Water to cover its expenses and	
13		earn its actual 7.81% return on its investments.	
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15	Q.	Does that complete your description of the pro forma adjustments to revenues and	
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18	A.	Yes.	
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20	Q.	Please describe Schedule 2, the Balance Sheet.	
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22	A.	See Total Company Balance Sheet.	
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29		of the 5 quarter balances. Column h shows the pro forma adjustments. Column i	
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32		Schodula 2 A shows the Date Dage II Water Dre forms Adjustments	
33		Schedule 3A shows the Rate Base – LL Water Pro forma Adjustments. Adjustments #6 & #7 are the adjustments related to the 2017 water boiling	
34		amounting to \$6,996 and the Dockets IR 18-001 and DW 18-047 regarding the	
35		PUC investigation to determine the rate effect of federal and state corporate tax	
36		reductions amounting to \$1,453. The total addition to rate base is \$8,449. Also,	
37		see Schedule 3C. LL Water is proposing that the 2017 water boiling costs and the	
38		PUC investigation costs be recovered over 10 years and 5 years, respectively.	
39		The total ½ year amortization amounts to \$495. Also, see Schedule 3C	
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41		The Total Pro Forma December 31, 2019 Rate Base balance amounts to	
42		\$306,898.	
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7	Q.	Would you please explain Schedule 4, Rate of Return Information?	
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9	A.	See Total Company Capital Structure and Rate of Return Information. Please	
10		note that the Capital Structure and Rate of Return Information is for AWC (Total	
11		Company) and not just LL Water.	
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13	Q.	Please explain the Report of Proposed Rate Changes.	
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15	A.	If LL Water's rate filing is approved as submitted, its total water Operating	
16		Revenues will amount to \$117,773, a decrease of (\$4,957).	
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18	R.	Is LL Water proposing any changes to the methodology used in calculating the	
19		rates?	
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21	A.	No. LL Water is calculating the new rates in a manner consistent with its present	
22		rates.	
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24	R.	When is LL Water proposing that the new rates be effective?	
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26	A.	The proposed effective date is 30 days from LL Water's rate filing.	
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28	Q.	Would you please summarize what the LL Water is requesting in its temporary	
29		rate filing?	
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31	A.	LL Water respectfully requests that the Commissioners approve a decrease in	
32		overall annual revenues of (\$4,957) including a decrease of (\$1,485) in total water	
33		revenues for temporary rates.	
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35	Q.	Is there anything further that you would like to discuss?	
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37	A.	No, there is nothing further to my testimony as it pertains to LL Water.	
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Q. Please begin by describing the WR Water Schedules for temporary rates.

A. The schedule entitled "Computation of Revenue Deficiency for the Test Year ended December 31, 2019," summarizes the supporting schedules. The actual revenue (deficiency) surplus for WR for the test year amounts to (\$36,243). It is based upon an actual test year with a 5 quarter average rate base of \$243,250 as summarized in Schedule 3. AWC's actual rate of return is 7.81% for the actual test year. The rate of return of 7.81%, when multiplied by the rate base of \$243,250, results in an operating income requirement of \$18,998. As shown on Schedule 1, the actual net operating income (loss) for WR for the test year was (\$17,425). The operating income required, less the net operating income (loss), results in an operating income (deficiency) surplus before taxes of (\$36,423). WR did not calculate the tax effect of the revenue deficiency, resulting in a revenue (deficiency) surplus for WR of (\$36,423).

The pro forma revenue deficiency for WR for the test year amounts to zero. It is based upon a pro formed test year rate base of \$344,574, as summarized in Schedule 3. AWC is utilizing its actual rate of return of 7.81% for the pro formed test year. The pro formed rate of return of 7.81% when multiplied by the rate base of \$344,574, results in an operating net income requirement of \$26,911.

As shown on Schedule 1, the pro formed net operating income for WR for the test year is \$26,911. The operating income required, less the net operating income, results in a deficiency of zero. The tax effect of the deficiency is zero, resulting in a revenue deficiency for WR of zero.

Schedule 1 reflects WR's Statements of Income. Column b shows the actual 2019 year end balances. Column c shows pro forma adjustments for known and measurable changes to test year revenues and expenses. Column d shows the pro forma 2019 year end balances. The 2018 and 2017 Statements of Income are shown in columns e and f, respectively. During the 2019 test year, WR net income (loss) was (\$19,532).

Schedule 1A shows the pro forma adjustments to revenue and expenses. The Company made 1 pro forma adjustment to operating revenues totaling \$71,733 and a few pro forma adjustments to operating expenses totaling \$27,397. The specific pro forma adjustments are identified on the Statement of Income – Pro forma Adjustments (Schedule 1A). A brief explanation is as follows:

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annual cost of \$315. Also, see Schedule 3C.

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A. See Total Company Balance Sheet.

Please describe Schedule 2, the Balance Sheet.

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Q.	Please continue with an explanation of Schedule 3, Rate Base and the supporting schedule.		
A.	Schedule 3 reflects WR Rate Base for the 5 quarter average. Column $b-f$ shows the actual balance at the end of each quarter. Column g shows the average of the 5 quarter balances. Column h shows the pro forma adjustments. Column i shows the pro forma year-end balance.		
	Schedule 3A shows the Rate Base – WR Pro forma Adjustments. Adjustments #6 & #7 are the adjustments related to the 2018 & 2019 water outages amounting to \$87,625, the Dockets IR 18-001 and DW 18-047 regarding the PUC investigation to determine the rate effect of federal and state corporate tax reductions amounting to \$1,577 and the 2019/2020 tank inspections amounting to \$26,512. The total addition to rate base is \$115,714. Also, see Schedule 3C. WR is proposing that the 2018 & 2019 water outages over 10 years and the PUC investigation and tank inspection 5 years. The total ½ year amortization amounts to \$7,190. Also, see Schedule 3C.		
	Adjustment #s 9 and 11 are related to the \$8,000 grant for the tank inspections reflected as CIAC and the ½ year amortization of CIAC amounting to \$800. Also, see Schedule 3C.		
	The Total Pro Forma December 31, 2019 Rate Base balance amounts to \$344,574.		
Q.	Would you please explain Schedule 4, Rate of Return Information?		
A.	See Total Company Capital Structure and Rate of Return Information. Please note that the Capital Structure and Rate of Return Information is for AWC (Total Company) and not just WR.		
Q.	Please explain the Report of Proposed Rate Changes.		
A.	If WR's rate filing is approved as submitted, its total water Operating Revenues will amount to \$153,944 including \$156,566 from residential customers, an increase of \$74,430.		
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revenue (deficiency) surplus for TGV for the test year amounts to (\$33,209). It is based upon an actual test year with a 5 quarter average rate base of \$119.913 as summarized in Schedule 3. AWC's actual rate of return is 7.81% for the actual \$119,913, results in an operating income requirement of \$9,365. As shown on 35 Schedule 1, the actual net operating income (loss) for TGV for the test year was 36 (\$23,844). The operating income required, less the net operating income (loss), 37 results in an operating income (deficiency) surplus before taxes of (\$33,209). 38 TGV did not calculate the tax effect of the revenue deficiency, resulting in a 39 revenue (deficiency) surplus for TGV of (\$33,209).

> The pro forma revenue deficiency for TGV for the test year amounts to zero. It is based upon a pro formed test year rate base of \$119,913, as summarized in Schedule 3. AWC is utilizing its actual rate of return of 7.81% for the pro formed test year. The pro formed rate of return of 7.81% when multiplied by the rate base of \$119,913, results in an operating net income requirement of \$9,365.

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7	As shown on Schedule 1, the pro formed net operating income for TGV for the
8	test year is \$9,366. The operating income required, less the net operating income,
9	results in a deficiency of zero. The tax effect of the deficiency is zero, resulting in
10	a revenue deficiency for TGV of zero.
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12	Schedule 1 reflects TGV's Statements of Income for the 12 months ended
13	4/30/20. As previously stated, TGV is using the 12 months ended 4/30/20
14	because there were only 8 months of actual data in the 2019 test year. Column b
15	shows the actual 12 months ended 4/30/20. Column c shows pro forma
16	adjustments for known and measurable changes to test year revenues and
17	expenses. Column d shows the pro forma 12 months ended 4/30/20. The 12
18	months ended 4/30/19 and 4/30/18 was prior to AWC's ownership. During the 12
19	months ended 4/30/20, TGV net income (loss) was (\$24,600).
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21	Schedule 1A shows the pro forma adjustments to revenue and expenses. The
22	Company made 1 pro forma adjustment to operating revenues totaling \$40,830
23	and a few pro forma adjustments to operating expenses totaling \$7,620. The
24	specific pro forma adjustments are identified on the Statement of Income – Pro
25	forma Adjustments (Schedule 1A). A brief explanation is as follows:
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27	Pro forma Adjustment to Operating Revenues
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29	Operating Revenues – \$40,830
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31	The Company has increased test year revenues for the proposed amount of
32	revenues necessary to cover its expenses and allow it to earn its proposed rate of
33	return.
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35	Pro forma Adjustments to Operating Expense
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37	Operating Expenses:
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39	<u>Lease Agreements - \$0</u>
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Stephen P. St. Cyr & Associates 1 2 17 Sky Oaks Drive 3 Biddeford, Me. 04005 4 207-423-0215 5 stephenpstcyr@yahoo.com 6 7 Amortization of Organizational Costs - \$0 8 9 Taxes other than Income – \$661 10 11 Total annual property taxes for the Town of Gilford are \$1,153. The 12 amount of property taxes reflected in the test year was \$492, resulting in a pro 13 forma adjustment of \$661. 14 15 Income Taxes – \$6,959 16 17 The Company has provided the calculation of the federal income taxes and the state business taxes (Schedule 1B). The Company has also provided the 18 19 effective tax factor (Schedule 1C). 20 21 The total pro forma adjustments to Operating Expenses amount to \$7,620. 22 23 The net of the pro forma adjustments to operating revenue of \$40,830 and 24 the pro forma adjustments to operating expenses of \$7,620 results in a net pro 25 forma adjustment of \$33,210. When the net operating income associated with the 26 pro forma adjustments is added to net operating income from the test year, the pro 27 forma test year net operating income totals \$9,366. The pro forma test year net 28 operating income of \$9,366 allows TGV to cover its expenses and earn its actual 29 7.81% return on its investments. 30 31 Q. Does that complete your description of the pro forma adjustments to revenues and 32 expenses? 33 34 A. Yes. 35 36 Q. Please describe Schedule 2, the Balance Sheet. 37 38 A. See Total Company Balance Sheet. 39 40 Please continue with an explanation of Schedule 3, Rate Base and the supporting Q. 41 schedule. 42 43 A. Schedule 3 reflects TGV Rate Base for both the 5 quarter average and the pro 44 forma year-end balance. Column b – f shows the actual balance at the end of each 45 quarter. Column g shows the average of the 5 quarter balances. Column h shows 46 the pro forma adjustments. Column i shows the pro forma year-end balance.

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7		Please note that the December 2018 and March 2019 balances are before AWC
8 9		purchase of TGV. As such, the December 2018 and the March 2019 balances are
		assumed to be the same as June 2019.
10		
11		There are no pro forma adjustments to rate base.
12		
13		The Total Pro Forma December 31, 2019 Rate Base balance amounts to
14		\$119,913.
15		
16	Q.	Would you please explain Schedule 4, Rate of Return Information?
17	3	
18	A.	See Total Company Capital Structure and Rate of Return Information. Please
19		note that the Capital Structure and Rate of Return Information is for AWC (Total
20		Company) and not just TGV.
21		
22	Q.	Please explain the Report of Proposed Rate Changes.
23		The state of the s
24	A.	If TGV's rate filing is approved as submitted, its total water Operating Revenues
25		will amount to \$69,663, an increase of \$40,830.
26		
27	Q.	Is TGV proposing any changes to the methodology used in calculating the rates?
28		
29	A.	No. TGV is calculating the new rates in a manner consistent with its present
30		rates.
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32	Q.	When is TGV proposing that the new rates be effective?
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34	A.	The proposed effective date is 30 days from TGV's rate filing.
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36	Q.	Would you please summarize what the TGV is requesting in its temporary rate
37	•	filing?
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39	A.	TGV respectfully requests that the Commissioners approve an increase in annual
40		revenues of \$40,830 for temporary rates.
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42	Q.	Is there anything further that you would like to discuss?
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44	A.	No, there is nothing further to my testimony as it pertains to TGV.
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Q. Please begin by describing the **TB Water Schedules for temporary rates**.

A. The schedule entitled "Computation of Revenue Deficiency for the Test Year ended December 31, 2019," summarizes the supporting schedules. The actual revenue (deficiency) surplus for TB for the test year amounts to (\$37,089). It is based upon an actual test year with a 5 quarter average rate base of \$72,615 as summarized in Schedule 3. AWC's actual rate of return is 7.81% for the actual test year. The rate of return of 7.81%, when multiplied by the rate base of \$72,615, results in an operating income requirement of \$5,671. As shown on Schedule 1, the actual net operating income (loss) for TB for the test year was (\$31,418). The operating income required, less the net operating income (loss), results in an operating income (deficiency) surplus before taxes of (\$37,089). TB did not calculate the tax effect of the revenue deficiency, resulting in a revenue (deficiency) surplus for TB of (\$37,089).

The pro forma revenue deficiency for TB for the test year amounts to zero. It is based upon a pro formed test year rate base of \$102,910, as summarized in Schedule 3. AWC is utilizing its actual rate of return of 7.81% for the pro formed test year. The pro formed rate of return of 7.81% when multiplied by the rate base of \$102,910, results in an operating net income requirement of \$8,037.

As shown on Schedule 1, the pro formed net operating income for TB for the test year is \$8,037. The operating income required, less the net operating income, results in a deficiency of zero. The tax effect of the deficiency is zero, resulting in a revenue deficiency for TB of zero.

Schedule 1 reflects TB's Statements of Income for the 12 months ended 4/30/20. As previously stated, TB is using the 12 months ended 4/30/20 because there were only 8 months of actual data in the 2019 test year. Column b shows the actual 12 months ended 4/30/20. Column c shows pro forma adjustments for known and measurable changes to test year revenues and expenses. Column d shows the pro forma 12 months ended 4/30/20. The 12 months ended 4/30/19 and 4/30/18 was prior to AWC's ownership. During the 12 months ended 4/30/20, TGV net income (loss) was (\$32,136).

 Schedule 1A shows the pro forma adjustments to revenue and expenses. The Company made 1 pro forma adjustment to operating revenues totaling \$62,110 and a few pro forma adjustments to operating expenses totaling \$22,655. The specific pro forma adjustments are identified on the Statement of Income – Pro forma Adjustments (Schedule 1A). A brief explanation is as follows:

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7	Pro forma Adjustment to Operating Revenues		
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9	Operating Revenues – \$62,110		
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11 *	The Company has increased test year revenues for the proposed amount of		
12	revenues necessary to cover its expenses and allow it to earn its proposed rate of		
13	return.		
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15	Pro forma Adjustments to Operating Expense		
16			
17	Operating Expenses:		
18			
19	Lease Agreements - \$0		
20			
21	PUC Audit - \$0		
22			
23	Depreciation Expense - \$0		
24			
25	Amortization of CIAC - \$0		
26			
27	Amortization Expenses – Other - \$3,189		
28			
29	In 2019 TB incurred significant expenditures associated with a main break		
30	and the purchase of water to provide to customers during the outage. The		
31	expenditures amounted to \$31,890. TB deferred such costs. It is now proposing		
32	to seek recovery over a ten year period. The annual costs amounts to \$3,189.		
33	Also, see Schedule 3C.		
34			
35	<u>Taxes other than Income – \$9,912</u>		
36			
37	Total annual property taxes for the Town of Belmont are \$10,212. The		
38	amount of property taxes reflected in the test year was \$300, resulting in a pro		
39	forma adjustment of \$9,612.		
40	T		
41	Income Taxes – \$9,554		
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43	The Company has provided the calculation of the federal income taxes and		
44	the state business taxes (Schedule 1B). The Company has also provided the		
45	effective tax factor (Schedule 1C).		
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7		The total pro forma adjustments to Operating Expenses amount to			
8		\$22,556.			
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10		The net of the pro forma adjustments to operating revenue of \$62,110 and			
11		the pro forma adjustments to operating expenses of \$22,955 results in a net pro			
12		forma adjustment of \$39,455. When the net operating income associated with the			
13		pro forma adjustments is added to net operating income from the test year, the pro			
14		forma test year net operating income totals \$8,037. The pro forma test year net			
15		operating income of \$8,037 allows TB to cover its expenses and earn its actual			
16		7.81% return on its investments.			
17		7.0170 retain on its investments.			
18	Q.	Does that complete your description of the pro forma adjustments to revenues and			
19	Q.	expenses?			
20		expenses:			
21	A.	Yes.			
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23	Q.	Please describe Schedule 2, the Balance Sheet.			
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25	A.	See Total Company Balance Sheet.			
26	A.	See Total Company Balance Sheet.			
27	Q.	Please continue with an explanation of Schedule 3, Rate Base and the supporting			
28	Q.	schedule.			
29		schedule.			
30	A.	Schedule 3 reflects TB Rate Base for both the 5 quarter average. Column b – f			
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		shows the actual balance at the end of each quarter. Column g shows the average			
32		of the 5 quarter balances. Column h shows the pro forma adjustments. Column i			
33		shows the pro forma year-end balance. Please note that the December 2018 and			
34		March 2019 balances are before AWC purchase of TB. As such, the December			
35		2018 and the March 2019 balances are assumed to be the same as June 2019.			
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37		Schedule 3A shows the Rate Base – TB Pro forma Adjustments. Adjustments #9			
38		& #10 are the 2019 main break and purchase of water amounting to \$31,890 and			
39		the related ½ year amortization of such amount over 10 years amounting to			
40		\$1,595. Also, see Schedule 3C.			
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42		The Total Pro Forma December 31, 2019 Rate Base balance amounts to			
43		\$102,910.			
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7	Q.	Would you please explain Schedule 4, Rate of Return Information?			
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9 10	A.	See Total Company Capital Structure and Rate of Return Information. Please note that the Capital Structure and Rate of Return Information is for AWC (Total			
11 12		Company) and not just TB.			
13	Q.	Please explain the Report of Proposed Rate Changes.			
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15 16	A.	If TB's rate filing is approved as submitted, its total water Operating Revenues will amount to \$80,456, an increase of \$62,110.			
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18 19	Q.	Is TB proposing any changes to the methodology used in calculating the rates?			
20 21	A.	No. TB is calculating the new rates in a manner consistent with its present rates.			
22	Q.	When is TB proposing that the new rates be effective?			
23 24 25	A.	The proposed effective date is 30 days from TB's rate filing.			
26 27	Q.	Would you please summarize what the TB is requesting in its temporary rate filing ?			
28 29 30	A.	TB respectfully requests that the Commissioners approve an increase in annual revenues of \$62,110 for temporary rates .			
31 32	Q.	Is there anything further that you would like to discuss?			
33					
34	A.	No, there is nothing further to my testimony as it pertains to TB.			
35	0	Discrete in the description of a AWG Combined Western College in			
36	Q.	Please begin by describing the AWC Combined Water Schedules.			
37	A	There are no AWC combined water schodules. While AWC is associated			
38 39	A.	There are no AWC combined water schedules. While AWC is proposing to			
		consolidate water rates for the LL Water, WR, TGV & TB systems for permanent			
40 41		rate, it is not proposing to do so as part of temporary rates.			
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7	Q.	Is there anything else that you would like to address?		
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9	A.	Yes. AWC has engaged the services of Stephen P. St. Cyr & Associates to		
10		prepare the rate filing and pursue the rate increase throughout the rate case		
11		proceeding. St. Cyr & Associates and AWC have agreed on a per hour fee of		
12		\$140.00 for each hour of work performed. AWC and I believe that the fees are		
13		fair and reasonable. At this point, AWC does not anticipate utilizing outside legal		
14		counsel.		
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16	Q.	Does this conclude your testimony?		
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18 19	A.	Yes.		
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