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Witness: *Sherrye Lesmes*
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MISSOURI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS ANALYSIS DIVISION
AUDITING DEPARTMENT

REBUTTAL TESTIMONY
OF
SHERRYE LESMES

MISSOURI-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

CASE NO. WR-2022-0303

Jefferson City, Missouri
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5 Q. Please state your name and business address.

6 A. My name is Sherrye Lesmes and my business address is 200 Madison Street,
7 Jefferson City, Missouri 65101.

8 Q. By whom are you employed and in what capacity?

9 A. I am employed by the Missouri Public Service Commission (“Commission”) as
10 a Utility Regulatory Auditor.

11 Q. Are you the same Sherrye Lesmes who filed direct testimony in this case on
12 November 22, 2022?

13 A. Yes, I am.

14 **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

15 Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this case?

16 A. The purpose of my testimony is to explain corrections to Staff’s postage expense
17 adjustment.

18 **POSTAGE EXPENSE**

19 Q. How did Staff determine the annualized postage expense in its direct filing?

20 A. Staff annualized postage by using the total number of mailings for the twelve
21 months ending June 30, 2022, and applied the United States Postal Service’s most recent
22 postage rates, by district.

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1 Q. Are there corrections to postage expense for this rebuttal filing?

2 A. Yes. In the direct filing, Staff directly allocated postage expense for Missouri-
3 American Water Company (“MAWC”) to the four districts using Staff’s customer count
4 allocation factor. However, Staff allocated the test year totals for postage expense from
5 American Water Works Company, Inc. (“AWWC”) and American Water Works Service
6 Company, Inc. (“Service Company”) to the four districts using Staff’s Massachusetts (hybrid)
7 allocation factor.

8 For this filing, Staff allocated both the test year and the annualized expense
9 based upon the number of customers. The annualized amount is included in the AWWSC
10 Services - Customer Accounting account.

11 Q. What is the Staff’s current annualized level for postage expense?

12 A. Staff’s current annualized level for MAWC’s postage expense is \$2,170,484.

13 Q. Does this conclude your rebuttal testimony?

14 A. Yes it does.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri-American Water)
Company's Request for Authority to) Case No. WR-2022-0303
Implement General Rate Increase for Water)
and Sewer Service Provided in Missouri)
Service Areas)

AFFIDAVIT OF SHERRYE LESMES

STATE OF MISSOURI)
) ss.
COUNTY OF COLE)

COMES NOW SHERRYE LESMES and on her oath declares that she is of sound mind and lawful age; that she contributed to the foregoing *Rebuttal Testimony of Sherrye Lesmes*; and that the same is true and correct according to her best knowledge and belief.

Further the Affiant sayeth not.

Sherrye Lesmes
SHERRYE LESMES

JURAT

Subscribed and sworn before me, a duly constituted and authorized Notary Public, in and for the County of Cole, State of Missouri, at my office in Jefferson City, on this 11th day of January 2023.

D. SUZIE MANKIN
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for Cole County
My Commission Expires: April 04, 2025
Commission Number: 12412070

D. Suzie Mankin
Notary Public