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DIRECT TESTIMONY

OF

MICHI Q. CHAO

ON BEHALF OF

MISSOURI-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY

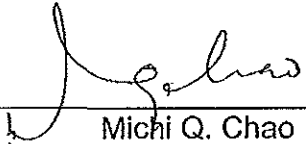
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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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AFFIDAVIT OF MICHQ. CHAO

Michi Q. Chao, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is the witness who sponsors the accompanying testimony entitled "Direct Testimony of Michi Q. Chao"; that said testimony was prepared by her and/or under her direction and supervision; that if inquires were made as to the facts in said testimony, she would respond as therein set forth; and that the aforesaid testimony is true and correct to the best of her knowledge.



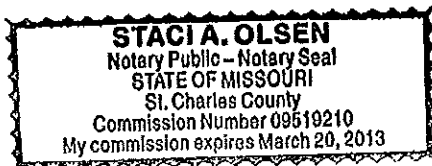
Michi Q. Chao

State of Missouri
County of St. Louis
SUBSCRIBED and sworn to
Before me this 24th day of June 2011.



Notary Public

My commission expires:



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MICH Q. CHAO
MISSOURI-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY
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DIRECT TESTIMONY

MICHI Q. CHAO

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I. WITNESS INTRODUCTION

3 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

4 A. My name is Michi Q. Chao. I am employed by American Water Works
5 Service Company, Inc. ("AWWS"), 727 Craig Road, St. Louis, Missouri
6 63141.

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8 **Q. WHAT IS YOUR POSITION WITH MISSOURI-AMERICAN WATER
9 COMPANY ("MISSOURI-AMERICAN" OR "MAWC" OR THE
10 "COMPANY")?**

11 A. I am employed by AWWS as a Financial Director and Assistant Treasurer for
12 Missouri American Water Company ("Company" or "MAWC"). The Service
13 Company is a subsidiary of American Water Works Company, Inc. ("American
14 Water") that provides various services to American Water's water and
15 wastewater utility subsidiaries. In this proceeding I am testifying on behalf of
16 MAWC.

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18 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND.**

19 A. In 1995, I received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, with a
20 major in finance from California State University of Los Angeles. I am in the
21 process of earning my Master of Business Administration from Webster

1 University, Missouri with an expected completion date in the first quarter of
2 2013.

3 **Q. PLEASE SUMMARIZE YOUR EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE.**

4 A. From 1996 to 1997, I was employed by Arroyo Seco Management Services
5 as the Senior Financial analyst. From 1997 to 1998, I joined Cedar Sinai
6 Medical Center as their Senior Accountant. From 1998 to 2000, I was
7 employed by UCLA Medical Center as the Disbursement Manager. In 2000, I
8 joined Health Net, Inc and held two roles, Financial Consultant and Financial
9 Planning and Reporting Manager in the Corporate Business Planning
10 department. My customers included various functional departments such as
11 Corporate Executives, Corporate Finance and Shared Services, and
12 Operations (East coast and West coast). My responsibilities included
13 Financial Statement Performance packages, Financial and Business
14 presentations, Strategic Planning, and Forecasting, Financial compliance
15 (Sarbanes Oxley 302 certification) and Software implementation, training and
16 reporting development.

17 In August of 2004, I joined American Water as a Consultant through
18 Resources Global Professionals and was hired on September 20, 2004.
19 Through April of 2009, I was the Financial Planning & Analysis Director,
20 responsible for the Financial Statement Reporting packages and Financial
21 Statement Planning/Forecasting for the former Central Region States
22 (Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Ohio and Texas). The Financial

1 Reporting packages adhered to Financial Statement variance thresholds (\$
2 and %) and filing requirements. The integrated financial statement
3 plans/forecasts included normalized historical account trend analysis and
4 inflationary factors.

5 During May of 2009, I was promoted to Finance Director for Missouri-
6 American and Texas-American. My duties for MAWC include all aspects of
7 Finance (Financial Reporting, Budgeting/Forecasting, Rates/Regulations, and
8 Compliance).

9 **II. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY**

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

11 A. The purpose of my testimony is to discuss on behalf of MAWC, the AWWWS
12 Support Services.

13 **Q. WILL YOU BE TESTIFYING IN SUPPORT OF ANY SCHEDULES?**

14 A. Yes. I will be testifying to the Service Company support services adjustment
15 on Schedule CAS-14.

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17 **III. AWWS SUPPORT SERVICES**

18 **Q. WHAT ADJUSTMENT WAS MADE TO THE COMPANY'S TEST YEAR
19 LEVEL OF SUPPORT SERVICES?**

20 A. Test year Support Services from the Service Company were adjusted to
21 eliminate one-time costs. In addition, test year costs were adjusted to
22 reflect current ongoing levels of labor and labor related costs including

1 anticipated labor merit increases and average labor related expense, as
2 well as ongoing levels of Other Service company costs including an
3 anticipated inflationary factor of 1.3%. Lastly, ongoing levels of Service
4 Company costs were adjusted to reflect new cost allocation factors as a
5 result of an increase in the number of customers due to recent
6 acquisitions. Details of this adjustment can be found at Schedule CAS-14,
7 page 12.

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9 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR DIRECT TESTIMONY?**

10 **A. Yes, it does.**