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OF

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of Missouri Request for Authority to Increase for Water and So Missouri Service Areas	-American Water Company's Implement a General Rate ewer Service Provided in) Case No. WR-2017-0285, et al.)
	AFFIDAVIT OF BRITT E.	<u>SMITH, PE</u>
STATE OF MISSOURI)) ss.	
COUNTY OF COLE)	
I, Britt E. Smith, F	PE, of lawful age, and being duly	sworn, do hereby depose and state:
1. My name	is Britt E. Smith. I am presentl	y Operations Divisions Director within
the Department of Public	Works for the City of Jefferson,	intervener in the referenced matter.
2. Attached h	ereto and made a part hereof for a	all purposes is my surrebuttal testimony.
3. I hereby sv	vear and affirm that my answers	s contained in the attached testimony to
the questions therein pro	pounded are true and correct to	o the best of my personal knowledge,
information and belief.	Britt E. Smith	h the transfer of the transfer
Subscribed and sw	orn to before me, a Notary Publ	ic, this $\frac{5}{2}$ day of February, 2018.
My Commission expires:	Notary Public	D. Starman
		ELLEN D. STEGEMAN Notary Public - Notary Seal State of Missouri Commissioned for Cole County My Commission Expires: November 17, 2021 Commission Number: 13789182

SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY BRITT E. SMITH

1	Q.	WHAT IS YOUR NAME, TITLE AND BUSINESS ADDRESS?
2	A.	My name is Britt E. Smith, PE, and I am the Operation Divisions Director within the
3		Department of Public Works for the City of Jefferson. My business address is City Hall,
4		320 East McCarty, Jefferson City, Missouri.
5	Q.	ARE YOU THE SAME BRITT E. SMITH WHO FILED DIRECT TESTIMONY ON
6		BEHALF OF THE CITY OF JEFFERSON IN THIS PROCEEDING?
7	A.	Yes, I am.
8	Q.	WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY?
9	A.	I will be responding to portions of the rebuttal testimony of Bruce W. Aiton, the Director
10		of Engineering for Missouri American Water Company.
11	Q.	AT PAGE 8 OF HIS REBUTTAL TESTIMONY MR. AITON TESTIFIES THAT THE
12		JEFFERSON CITY WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM CONTAINS ABOUT 13.6
13		MILES OF SMALL DIAMETER MAINS (≤4"), OR APPROXIMATELY 8.5% OF THE
14		SYSTEM, BUT THE SMALL MAINS CONNECTED TO FIRE HYDRANTS MAKE UP
15		ONLY 1.2% OF THE ENTIRE SYSTEM. DO YOU KNOW HOW MANY FIRE
16		HYDRANTS ARE CONNECTED TO THE SMALL MAINS?
17	A.	No, and from the data supplied by Mr. Aiton I do not know what percentage of the fire
18		hydrants in Jefferson City are connected to small mains which in my opinion is important
19		to know not only from the perspective of fire safety, something which Chief Matt Schofield
20		will further address in his surrebuttal testimony, but also from a public works perspective.

1	Q.	FROM MR. AITON'S TESTIMONY CAN YOU CALCULATE THE NUMBER OF
2		MILES OF SMALL MAINS IN THE JEFFERSON CITY SYSTEM THAT ARE
3		CONNECTED TO FIRE HYDRANTS?
4	A.	As I understand his testimony, of the 13.6 miles of small diameter mains within the system
5		there are approximately 1.9 miles connected to fire hydrants.
6	Q.	CHIEF SCHOFIELD IN HIS SURREBUTTAL HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE
7		COMPANY SHOULD COMMIT THE NEEDED RESOURCES TO REPLACE/UPSIZE
8		THIS RELATIVELY SMALL PORTION OF THEIR SYSTEM IN THE NEAR TERM.
9		IN YOUR OPINION IN WHAT WAY COULD THIS OBJECTIVE BE
10		ACCOMPLISHED BY THE COMPANY?
11	A.	If the Company works toward a pipe line replacement system based on 100 year life, which
12		I strongly suspect is its program, therefore the average annual replacement in Jefferson
13		City should be approximately 1.6 miles per year. Given a five year replacement plan, that
14		would be 8 miles per cycle. Therefore the replacement of those small diameter lines which
15		support fire flows would represent less than 25% of the Company's next 5 year capital
16		replacement program. I will add that my Department and I look forward to working with
17		the Company to upgrade these lines and would appreciate the locations of these lines as
18		soon as possible so we can schedule/reschedule any street upgrade work accordingly.
19	Q.	ON PAGE 10 OF HIS REBUTTAL TESTIMONY, MR. AITON ADDRESSES THE
20		CAPITOL AVENUE RESURFACING PROJECT DISCUSSED IN YOUR REBUTTAL
21		AND TESTIFIES THAT THE COMPANY DECIDED NOT TO REPLACE THE MAIN
22		UNDER CAPITOL AVENUE BECAUSE IT IS OLDER PIT CAST, HAS PERFORMED

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WELL AND HAS NOT HAD A RECORDED LEAK. IN YOUR OPINION, WAS THE COMPANY JUSTIFIED IN LEAVING THIS MAIN IN PLACE?

In my opinion, no. The Company's decision overlooks the age of the pipe. Because Mr. Aiton referred to the pipe on Capitol Avenue as being "older pit cast pipe," and similar terminology was used on page 4 of his rebuttal in reference to the St. Louis system, this leads me to assume the Capitol Avenue main was installed prior to 1930 and is at least 87 years old. Therefore, according to the chart at page 11 of his testimony, it would appear that the pipe is in the oldest 5.7% of the system. It is very near the end of its useful life. The absence of a recorded leak is valuable information when determining to replace a line or not but that decision cannot be made in a vacuum. In this case, the same rate payers as those supporting the system were also planning a major roadway improvement with a payement life of approximately 15 to 20 years (asphalt) and a parking lane/sidewalk life estimated to be 40 to 50 years (concrete). In my opinion these factors change the evaluation and conclusion dramatically, making that main replacement not only reasonable but highly prudent. Furthermore, in the case of Capitol Avenue, a multi-agency effort is underway to revitalize the area including restoration and redevelopment of adjacent structures. And many, if not most, of those structures, have service lines made of galvanized metal and were most likely installed at the same time as the main (estimated to be 80+ years ago). Also, many, if not most, of the structures currently have a meter located in the basement of the building and may or may not have an operational curb stop in the exterior of the building. In my opinion, it would be prudent to expend the funds needed to at least renew those service lines to

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accomplished and is still planned.

beyond the limits of the new construction and relocate the meters to the exterior of the 1 property in support of the planned redevelopment for the properties. 2 Q. ON PAGE 10 OF HIS REBUTTAL MR. AITON TESTIFIES THAT THE COMPANY IS 3 IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING A CURRENT, CALIBRATED HYDRAULIC 4 5 MODEL OF THE JEFFERSON CITY WATER SYSTEM, BUT IT IS NOT YET 6 COMPLETED. WHAT SHOULD THE MODEL INCLUDE? 7 A. If the Company has not decided to do so yet, I suggest the model should include a hydraulic model of the system in North Jefferson City --- the system serving the Jefferson City 8 Airport which has experienced water pressure problems. My Department and I anticipate 9 10 assisting the Company in fully resolving the pressure related issues affecting the citizens 11 and businesses located in North Jefferson City. Given the Company's proposal to replace 12 the pressure reducing valve for the supply point, I will assume it is the Company's belief 13 that the existing distribution system will be capable of operating at a higher pressure than 14 currently maintained in the system. Q. ON PAGE 11 OF HIS REBUTTAL MR. AITON TESTIFIES THAT THE COMPANY 15 WILL BE RENEWING EARLY THIS YEAR ITS RESOURCE SUPERVISED PLAN 16 17 WHICH IS PART OF ITS OWNER SUPERVISED PROGRAM ("OSP"), A FIVE YEAR MAIN REPLACEMENT 18 **PROGRAM APPROVED** BYTHE **MISSOURI** 19 DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES. IS YOUR DEPARTMENT READY TO ASSIST THE COMPANY WITH THE OSP? 20 Yes. My Department and I look forward to working with the Company in its forthcoming 21 A. five year plan and would be interested to see the current five year plan and what has been 22

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I do find it troubling that approximately 20% of the system is 60 years old or older as shown on Mr. Aiton's "Water Main Age" chart on the same page. This combined with his report that 25% of the system's water mains have an unknown age may mean that the percentage of mains in the system 60 years old or older could be as high as 45%. However, with a robust replacement plan, these percentages can be reduced over time.

- 6 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR SURREBUTTAL TESTIMONY?
- 7 A. Yes.