

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
THE APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY-AMERICAN)
WATER COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF) **CASE NO. 2014-00258**
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AUTHORIZING)
THE CONSTRUCTION OF RICHMOND ROAD)
STATION FILTER IMPROVEMENTS)

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF BRENT E. O'NEILL, P.E.
July 31, 2014

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

2 A. My name is Brent E. O'Neill and my business address is 2300 Richmond Road,
3 Lexington, Kentucky 40502.

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5 **2. Q. BY WHOM ARE YOU EMPLOYED AND IN WHAT CAPACITY?**

6 A. I am employed by the American Water Works Service Company ("Service
7 Company") as Director of Engineering for, Kentucky-American Water Company
8 ("KAW" or "Company") and Tennessee-American Water Company ("TAW").

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10 **3. Q. HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY FILED TESTIMONY BEFORE THIS**
11 **COMMISSION?**

12 A. No. I have assisted in the preparation of written testimony to the Kentucky Public
13 Service Commission in prior filings and have assisted in the preparation of written
14 testimony in proceedings before the Illinois Commerce Commission including
15 rate cases, special investigations, and applications for a Certificate of Public
16 Convenience and Necessity. I have provided direct written testimony to the
17 Tennessee Regulatory Authority.

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19 **4. Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL**
20 **BACKGROUND.**

21 A. I received a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois in
22 Urbana, Illinois in 1991. I completed a Masters of Business Administration from
23 Eastern Illinois University in Charleston, Illinois in 2002. I am a registered
24 Professional Engineer in the State of Illinois, State of Iowa, State of Tennessee,
25 and Commonwealth of Kentucky.

1 I have been employed by American Water Works Company (“AWW”) or one of
2 its subsidiaries since 1996. I began as a Staff Engineer for Northern Illinois
3 Water Company (“NIWC”) until 1999 when I was promoted to Engineering
4 Manager for Illinois American Water Company (“ILAWC”). In July 2004, I
5 accepted the position of Network Operations Manager for the Champaign County
6 District of ILAWC. In June 2005, I accepted the position of Senior Asset
7 Manager with AWW and worked in Reading, England in a joint project with
8 Thames Water. In 2006, I became the ILAWC Project Manager for the
9 construction of a new 15 million gallons per day (“MGD”) ground water
10 softening treatment plant, wells, and transmission main in Champaign, Illinois. In
11 March 2008, I became the Engineering Manager Capital Delivery with ILAWC
12 with responsibilities for the delivery of capital projects for the Central and
13 Southern portions Illinois. In April 2013, I accepted my current position as
14 Director of Engineering for KAW and TAW with the Service Company. I am an
15 active member of the American Water Works Association (AWWA).

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17 **5. Q. WHAT ARE YOUR DUTIES AS DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING?**

18 A. I am responsible for the coordination of the Engineering Departments for both
19 KAW and TAW, which includes the planning, development, and implementation
20 of all aspects of construction projects. This includes working with all new main
21 extensions and developers, replacement mains, water treatment plant upgrades,
22 new construction and network facilities improvements. I coordinate technical
23 assistance to all other company departments as needed and I oversee the capital

1 budget development and implementation. I report to the Presidents of KAW and
2 TAW.

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4 **6. Q. WHAT WILL YOU BE ADDRESSING IN YOUR TESTIMONY?**

5 A. My testimony will cover why the improvements are needed to the existing filter
6 building at Richmond Road Station (“RRS”) and provide a description of steps
7 KAW has taken in the planning process. Lastly, I will describe the current stage
8 of design, bidding process and the anticipated construction cost.

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10 **7. Q. HOW MANY WATER TREATMENT PLANTS HAVE YOU PERSONALLY WORKED ON AS AN ENGINEER?**

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12 A. I have provided engineering services on a variety of projects over the 18 years I
13 have worked with AWW. A few specific projects for improvements at existing
14 water treatment plants I had the opportunity to manage include: a new 15 MGD
15 Ground Water Softening Plant with a total cost of \$42 Million in improvements in
16 Champaign, Illinois; the installation of new filters and ultra-violet (“UV”)
17 disinfection facilities with a total cost of \$23 million in Peoria, Illinois; the retrofit
18 of filters and a new clearwell with a total cost of \$14 million in Granite City,
19 Illinois; and the installation of a new filter and additional improvements to
20 Streator water treatment facility with a total cost of \$5.4 million.

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22 **8. Q. WHY ARE IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED FOR RRS FILTER BUILDING?**

23 A. During a regular review of the facilities, concerns were raised of the severe
24 continued deterioration of the concrete support beams of the operating floor
25 located above the pipe gallery. Following further investigation it was determined

1 that a significant loss of the concrete from the beams and subsequent exposure of
2 the rebar to the corrosive atmosphere of the filter gallery posed a tremendous and
3 potentially catastrophic risk to the structure, and remedial measures were installed
4 to provide temporary support of the operating floor during June 2013 to avoid a
5 likely failure in the building. A long term solution was absolutely critical for the
6 filters and improvements to the filter building were necessary to ensure continued
7 safe and reliable operation.

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9 **9. Q. WHAT IS THE HISTORY OF THE FILTER BUILDING?**

10 A. The filter building was originally constructed in 1924 and consisted of four filters.
11 During 1937 six additional filters were added to the structure and further
12 expansion occurred during 1938 and 1953 with the addition of two and four filters
13 respectively. In total the filter building currently houses 16 filters of the same
14 size and shape and each have a capacity of 1.56 million gallons per day (MGD)
15 for an overall capacity of 25 MGD. Beneath the filter building is a 600,000
16 gallon clearwell of finished water that was constructed during the 1920s and 30s.
17 Improvements over the years have been made to the control valves, chemical feed
18 locations, controls, filter material and the filter bed backwash system, but no
19 major improvements have been undertaken since the last expansion in 1953.

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21 **10. Q. HOW DID KENTUCKY AMERICAN IDENTIFY THE IMPROVEMENTS
22 NECESSARY FOR THE FILTER BUILDING?**

23 A. Kentucky American requested proposals to conduct an evaluation of the RRS
24 Filter Building in July 2013. KAW obtained five (5) proposals and selected HDR

1 Engineering, Inc. of Lexington, Kentucky to conduct the evaluation and provide a
2 report. KAW requested that HDR perform an assessment of the existing structure
3 and determine the best course in returning the filter building to a viable and safe
4 structure. HDR performed their analysis during August and September of 2013
5 and presented their final report to KAW during September 2013. A copy of the
6 Evaluation Report is attached to KAW's Application in this case.
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8 **11. Q. WHAT WAS THE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE EXISTING FILTER**
9 **BUILDING?**

10 A. HDR's comprehensive assessment indicated that the operating floor was in
11 extremely poor shape and confirmed that the remedial measures to temporarily
12 support the floor were fully justified. HDR further determined that with the 90
13 year old age of the building, new problems would continue to arise, and it would
14 be increasingly difficult to maintain the structure. HDR concluded that
15 substantial support and corrosion challenges were present in the filter building
16 structure and that the building should be decommissioned from its current process
17 service.
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19 **12. Q. WERE THERE OTHER FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE**
20 **RECOMMENDATION TO DECOMMISSION THE EXISTING FILTER**
21 **BUILDING?**

22 A. Yes. In addition to the review of the structure and concerns with the stability of
23 the building, HDR also observed that the filter gallery has a lack of space that
24 significantly hinders the KAW maintenance and operations personnel from safely
25 traversing the length of the gallery, accessing most of the equipment in the

1 gallery, and performing maintenance on equipment. The congested filter gallery
2 space also reduced the ability of proper ventilation within the gallery, leading to
3 the inability to effectively remove the chlorine and water vapor within the gallery.
4 That lack of ventilation was a major contribution to the corrosion issues. In
5 addition, the lack of space within the gallery also reduced the ability to conduct
6 proactive maintenance measures due to the inability to perform targeted
7 replacements.

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9 **13. Q. ARE THERE ANY OTHER FACTORS THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE**
10 **RECOMMENDATION TO DECOMMISSION THE EXISTING FILTER**
11 **BUILDING?**

12 A. Yes. Between the time when the filters were designed and installed, and today,
13 changes have occurred in the development of filter bed design and filter depths
14 required to ensure efficient operation of the filters. HDR noted that the filter
15 beds are relatively shallow and that adding an additional sand layer would help
16 with filtration of turbidity. Current operational practice at RRS relies on the bulk
17 of turbidity removal occurring within the sedimentation basin through the heavy
18 use of coagulants. This is inefficient and costly, and leads to the primary
19 determination of which raw water source to use at RRS being based on raw water
20 turbidity levels of the different sources available rather than what source is the
21 most economical and which source has the least amount of taste and odor
22 concerns.

1 **14. Q. WHAT WAS THE NEXT STEP AFTER KAW RECEIVED THE**
2 **RECOMMENDATION FROM HDR TO DECOMMISSION THE FILTER**
3 **BUILDING?**

4 A. Following HDR's assessment that the operating floor was in poor shape and the
5 filter building should be decommissioned from its current operation, KAW
6 directed HDR to determine the available options and technologies that could be
7 employed at the RRS Facility to replace the filters.

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9 **15. Q. HOW WAS KAW INVOLVED IN THE ASSESSMENT OF THE OPTIONS**
10 **PRESENTED TO ADDRESS THE FILTER BUILDING PROBLEMS?**

11 A. KAW was thoroughly engaged in the development of the Evaluation Report.
12 Members from KAW Engineering group, operations group, water quality and
13 KAW leadership were involved in multiple review meetings and assisted in the
14 evaluation of each option. KAW staff assisted HDR in determining what options
15 would position KAW to meet its current and future water quality and operational
16 needs.

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18 **16. Q. WHY SHOULD THE FILTERS BE REPLACED AT RRS?**

19 A. RRS is one of three primary treatment plants for KAW. The three facilities are
20 Kentucky River Station 1 (KRS- 1), Richmond Road Station (RRS) and Kentucky
21 River Station 2 at Hardin's Landing (KRS-2) with rated capacities of 40 mgd, 25
22 mgd, and 20 mgd, respectively. Thus, the current total rated capacity of the KAW
23 production facilities is 85 mgd with all three facilities. RRS is a significant
24 portion of this capacity accounting for 29% of the total KAW capacity and is
25 absolutely critical to allow KAW to meet customer needs. Because the filters are

1 located in one building with extensive deterioration throughout the building, there
2 is no feasible option to replace only a portion of the filters.

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4 **17. Q. IS THERE ANY OTHER REASON BESIDES THE LOSS OF OVERALL**
5 **CAPACITY THAT THE FILTERS SHOULD BE REPLACED AT RRS?**

6 A. There are three other reasons for maintaining the RRS facility. First, since the
7 RRS facility was the original facility for the Lexington system, the distribution
8 system developed from and radiated away from this facility. The facility supports
9 a majority of the central portion of Lexington including the downtown area and
10 surrounding neighborhoods through the mains that radiate out from the facility.
11 Removal of this facility would require that extensive distribution system
12 improvements be made to supplement the flow into this area. Second is the
13 redundancy that the RRS provides to the KAW system. The facility is able to
14 obtain its raw water supply from Pool 9 of the Kentucky River, Jacobson
15 Reservoir and Lake Ellerslie. This provides a level of protection to the KAW
16 system if contaminant or emergencies occur on the Kentucky River which is the
17 source of supply for the other two treatment plants. The RRS has more extensive
18 standby power capabilities than KRS-1 and serves as the primary facility during a
19 widespread power outage in the Central Division. Finally, the system controls for
20 all of the remote sites within the distribution system are located at the RRS and
21 operated by the plant operators at the RRS. Eliminating the entire plant from
22 system operation when a treatment process needs to be replaced is simply not an
23 option for KAW.

1 **18. Q. WHAT ALTERNATIVES WERE EXPOLORED AS PART OF THE HDR**
2 **EVALUATION REPORT?**

3 A. KAW directed HDR to explore all alternatives in finding a solution of how to
4 address the deficiencies found in the review of the existing filter building. HDR
5 was asked to study retrofitting the filters, building new filters and implementing
6 alternative filtration methods. As part of its review, HDR evaluated thirteen
7 options that were broken into four groups. These groups were Sedimentation
8 Basin Retrofit, Membrane Filtration, Ozone Enhanced Biological Filtration and a
9 New Filter Building. After review, HDR suggested that the most cost effective
10 was the construction of a new filter building.

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12 **19. Q. WHY WERE THE OTHER ALTERNATIVES DETERMINED TO NOT**
13 **BE ATTRACTIVE BY HDR?**

14 A. The Sedimentation Basin Retrofit would have involved the installation of plate
15 settlers within the sedimentation basins just upstream of the filters. This would
16 allow for improved turbidity removal within the sedimentation basins while using
17 a smaller footprint of the basins. This alternative would then use the space saved
18 within the basins as an area of outdoor filters. However, it was determined that
19 this option provided minimum benefit for the cost of the improvements, especially
20 when there is more than enough space at the existing RRS site for new filters.
21 Membrane Filtration was reviewed since it would potentially allow for a higher
22 effluent quality than conventional filters. It was determined that since the
23 conventional filtration options allowed for filter effluent quality exceeding current
24 water quality standards, the additional construction and ongoing operating and

1 maintenance cost for membranes were not justified. Ozone Enhanced Biological
2 Filtration was determined not to be cost effective in both capital and operating
3 costs compared to other alternatives. KAW will continue to review and consider
4 the ability to add ozone in the future in order to meet future regulatory
5 requirements. There was an additional concern with both Membrane Filtration
6 and Ozone Enhanced Biological Filtration that involved the possible need to
7 undertake a one (1) year pilot test since the Kentucky Department of Water would
8 likely consider these alternatives as new technologies, or newer un-tested
9 processes, adding expense and delay in the project.

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11 **20. Q. WHAT WAS THE FINAL RECOMMENDATION FROM THE RRS**
12 **FILTER BUILDING EVALUATION REPORT CONDUCTED BY HDR?**

13 A. HDR recommended, based on a review of the merits of each option and
14 interaction with KAW staff that a new filter building with GAC dual media filters
15 be constructed. The recommended approach included:

- 16 • New filter building with twelve filter beds capable of treating 25 MGD;
- 17 • Media profile assumed to be 24” of GAC under bedded by 12” of sand to
- 18 improve turbidity reduction;
- 19 • Air/water backwashing capabilities; and
- 20 • Adequate space for maintenance and more robust ventilation than current
- 21 filter building.

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24 **21. Q. WHAT DID KAW DO WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FROM THE**
25 **EVALUATION REPORT?**

26 A. Upon the receipt of the evaluation report from HDR recommendation, KAW
27 further reviewed the report and decided to proceed with the development of a
28 design and construction drawings. During October and November 2013, KAW
29 developed the request for proposal and during December 2013 requested

1 proposals from three (3) engineering consultants. Because of the critical need for
2 design and construction to move forward in a timely fashion, while controlling
3 costs, KAW opted to use a modified design-build contract approach on this
4 project. In January 2014, KAW selected Hazen and Sawyer led by their office in
5 Lexington, KY, as the engineering consultants for the design of the filter building.
6 Hazen and Sawyer have designed several new treatment plants and renovations
7 for AWW in several states. Hazen and Sawyer is a nationally-recognized
8 environmental engineering and consulting firm and was uniquely qualified to
9 deliver the design of this improvement project based on an evaluation of the
10 proposals submitted.

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12 **22. Q. WHAT IS THE MODIFIED DESIGN-BUILD CONTRACT APPROACH?**

13 A. KAW selected the modified design-build contract approach for this project to
14 allow for a compressed design and construction schedule but to also allow for the
15 selection of both the design consultant and improvements contractor separately.
16 In a traditional design-build contract, KAW would have requested design-build
17 teams where contractors and consultants form a team and submit as the team on
18 the project. KAW and AWW have used this model successfully in several
19 projects, however, the disadvantage of this type of model is that the team is
20 selected as a whole and one member of the team (consultant or contractor) can be
21 detrimental to the overall team during the selection process. By using the
22 modified design-build approach, or in this case a “Contractor at Risk” contract,
23 KAW was able to separately select a consultant through a request for proposal

1 process and a contractor through a separate proposal process. This differs in a
2 traditional design-bid-build method due to the ability to proceed with contractor
3 selection during the design process rather than waiting for a full set of design
4 drawings. This allows for the contractor to be a part of the final portions of
5 design and be instrumental in bringing savings and knowledge of constructability
6 to the planned improvements during the design change rather than during
7 construction.

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9 **23. Q. WHAT HAS OCCURRED SINCE THE SELECTION OF HAZEN AND**
10 **SAWYER AS THE DESIGN CONSULTANT?**

11 A. With the Notice of Award provided during January 2014, Hazen and Sawyer
12 commenced with the design of the RRS Water Treatment Plant Improvements.
13 To date there have been several key milestones that have been accomplished to
14 allow the project to proceed in an expedited fashion. Hazen and Sawyer prepared
15 a preliminary Basis of Design Memorandum for review by KAW during March
16 2014. Following the review of the memorandum and confirmation of the design
17 criteria by KAW, Hazen and Sawyer incorporated the design review comments
18 into the drawings and preliminary drawings and submitted a 30% drawing set for
19 review by April 2014. The 30% design meeting was held on April 22, 2014,
20 which discussed the process design and site/civil coordination for the project and
21 further confirmed the design criteria by KAW.

22 Following the 30% meeting, drawings and specifications were updated and
23 submitted to Kentucky Department of Water (“DOW”) on May 9, 2014 for its

1 review and acceptance. A 60% Design Review Package was submitted to KAW
2 in June 2014 and has been reviewed by KAW staff.

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4 **24. Q. WHO HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN THE DESIGN OF THE FILTER**
5 **IMPROVEMENT PROJECT?**

6 A. The facility has been primarily designed by Hazen and Sawyer, with significant
7 input throughout the process by KAW and AWW. AWW and KAW take pride in
8 the fact that they as active owners are involved in every step of the design
9 process.

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11 **25. Q. WHY DID KAW MEET WITH KY DOW SO EARLY IN THE PROJECT**
12 **AND APPLY FOR A DOW PERMIT BEFORE THE PLANS WERE**
13 **COMPLETE?**

14 A. KAW and Hazen and Sawyer had numerous conversations with the Kentucky
15 DOW leading up to the permit application on May 9, 2014. The conversations
16 occurred to discuss what items were needed from a permitting standpoint, to
17 clarify certain design elements, and to request assistance on coordination of all
18 DOW issues. KAW requested this meeting for the purpose of identifying items
19 that may impact the schedule and to insure that the ultimate decision made by
20 KAW would not present significant DOW permitting problems. The major item
21 that came out of the conversations was that DOW would accept 30% drawings for
22 permit review, provided the treatment process was “conventional” and the process
23 was adequately identified for review purposes. KAW received the approval from
24 the DOW on the proposed improvements on June 27, 2014. A copy of the DOW

1 approval of the project for construction is attached to KAW's Application in this
2 case.

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4 **26. Q. WHAT OTHER PERMITS ARE REQUIRED AND WHEN WILL THEY**
5 **BE OBTAINED?**

6 A. The improvements are expected to need four additional permits. First, a Building
7 Permit is required by the LFUCG Division of Building Inspections and includes
8 an architectural, structural, electrical, HVAC and site plan review prior to start of
9 construction. This permit will be applied for in 2014 with the expectation that it
10 will be obtained prior to the end of the year. Second, just prior to the start of
11 construction in 2015, a Land Disturbance Permit will be required by LFUCG's
12 Division of Engineering prior to site grading. The requirements for this permit
13 include a Grading & Drainage Plan, Erosion Control Plan, and Storm Water
14 Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). Third, part of the Land Disturbance Permit
15 process will include KAW issuing a Notice of Intent to disturb the land to the
16 Kentucky Division of Water and the Division of Water's subsequent approval of
17 that disturbance. Fourth and finally, a Demolition/Wrecking Permit is required
18 before any building is demolished either in part or in whole. This permit will be
19 obtained from the LFUCG Division of Building Inspection prior to start of
20 deconstruction of the existing filter building in 2016.

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22 **27. Q. DESCRIBE THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS.**

23 A. The proposed facilities consist of a new filter building with eight filters, a chlorine
24 contact basin and backwash tank. Backwash waste and filter-to-waste piping is

1 provided for each filter and will be connected to the existing solids handling
2 facility. The improvements are considered a conventional water treatment
3 process and enhance the existing conventional water treatment plant at RRS. In
4 the Commonwealth of Kentucky, conventional water treatment plants and the
5 processes within those plants do not require pilot testing. A detailed description
6 of the proposed improvements to the RRS is described in the Basis of Design
7 Report attached to KAW's Application in this case.

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9 **28. Q. WHAT WILL THE RRS PLANT CAPACITY BE AFTER THE**
10 **IMPROVEMENTS AND CAN IT BE INCREASED?**

11 A. The RRS will remain at a 25 MGD capacity with the proposed improvements.

12 The proposed filtration will be provided by eight cast-in-place concrete gravity
13 filter boxes. Each filter box will provide a media surface area of 496 square feet
14 with a flow rate of 3.6 mgd and a filter media loading rate of 5 gpm/ft². Seven
15 filters will provide a firm capacity of 25 mgd of treatment with one filter out of
16 service for washing or maintenance. These improvements match the capacity of
17 the existing infrastructure of the facility.

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19 **29. Q. WILL THE RRS REMAIN OPERATIONAL DURING CONSTRUCTION?**

20 A. Absolutely. As I've described above, the RRS is a critical component of KAW's
21 system operation and construction is anticipated to last close to a year. The
22 existing building will remain operational throughout construction and will only be
23 taken out of service and demolished once the construction is complete. The
24 proposed Filter Building and Chlorine Contact Basin facilities will be constructed

1 at the RRS facility site behind the existing Chemical Building on a gentle hillside
2 within the current security perimeter of the existing facility.

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4 **30. Q. WHAT PROVISIONS ARE BEING MADE FOR FUTURE WATER**
5 **TREATMENT REQUIREMENTS?**

6 A. Planning for future changes in water treatment requirements is prudent, but should
7 be carefully done to avoid incurring unnecessary costs. Where it made sense and
8 where practical, KAW has included provisions for future water treatment changes.
9 For example, space has been designed in the improvements and additional
10 headloss through the filters has been allowed for, to support the addition of UV
11 treatment. Further, ozone could be added at a later date should regulations
12 continue to push water utilities in that direction. Also, KAW has allowed for
13 additional headloss through the filters in case another process component is
14 needed. Finally, KAW has also allowed for the future possibility of an increased
15 flow through the filters if regulations become acceptable to a new filter load rate
16 or if KAW decides to pilot a higher filter rate. KAW has made reasonable
17 accommodations for possible future requirements.

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19 **31. Q. WILL THE IMPROVEMENTS CHANGE ANNUAL OPERATING COST?**

20 A. The proposed improvements will have little effect on the current operating costs
21 of the facility. The filter building will be located at an elevation higher than the
22 current building and will require pumps for backwash water to the filters instead
23 of using existing backwash tank and gravity flow during filter backwash
24 operations. This change will potentially increase the annual electric cost to

1 operate the facility, although this should be partially offset with newer and more
2 efficient electric controls, lighting, dehumidifying and heating in the new
3 building. KAW believes that with the newer filters and advances in underdrains
4 and construction techniques that some chemical cost will be reduced providing an
5 offset to the additional electrical cost. Finally, KAW spends a majority of its
6 maintenance labor in the RRS filter building due to the difficulty in accessing the
7 equipment and high corrosion in the filter piping gallery. While those labor costs
8 are not anticipated to be eliminated from KAW's overall operations by replacing
9 the filter building, the RRS maintenance staff will be able to address more
10 preventative maintenance items at the entire plant.

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12 **32. Q. IF THE BACKWASH PUMPS WILL ADD TO THE ANNUAL**
13 **OPERATING COST, WHY ARE THEY NEEDED?**

14 A. As discussed in the attached the Basis of Design Report, the existing filters are
15 backwashed using a 50,000 gallon ground storage tank on higher ground and a
16 parallel 1000-gpm backwash pump. The plant also has an emergency backwash
17 supply connection to the existing high service pump discharge. The proposed
18 filters have a larger surface area which will result in more efficient filtration than
19 the existing filters and, therefore, new backwash pumps are recommended to
20 properly fluidize and expand the filter media bed the replacement pumps are
21 necessary to accommodate both the higher elevation and the larger beds. Two
22 pumps will be provided, each sized to fluidize the media during the warmest
23 water conditions.

1 **33. Q. WHAT ARE THE ESTIMATED MAINTENANCE COSTS?**

2 A. The new improvements are expected to reduce the amount of maintenance that
3 was necessary to maintain the existing filters and filter building. The new filters
4 are being designed so that they do not require a lot of maintenance, but there will
5 be maintenance costs for cleaning, equipment repair and preventative
6 maintenance and maintenance of the grounds. Please refer to Linda C. Bridwell's
7 testimony on this topic.

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9 **34. Q. WHEN WILL CONSTRUCTION COMMENCE AND WHEN WILL IT BE
10 COMPLETED?**

11 A. Construction will commence as soon as all required approvals have been
12 obtained. KAW requested proposals from contractors in June 2014 and received
13 proposals from three contractors on June 26, 2014. KAW awarded a construction
14 contract in July 2014 contingent upon final PSC approval of a Certificate of
15 Convenience and Necessity prior to initiating construction. KAW anticipates
16 issuing a Notice-To-Proceed in April 2015. The estimated time needed to Final
17 completion is 340 calendar days. It is important to system operations that the
18 project be substantially completed by April 2016.

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20 **35. Q. WHO WAS HIRED TO CONSTRUCT THE PROPOSED
21 IMPROVEMENTS?**

22 A. KAW requested proposals from three (3) pre-qualified contractors to build this
23 project. KAW received the bids on June 26, 2014 based on 60% design of the
24 new facilities. Following review of the bids, W. Rogers Company of Lexington,
25 Kentucky was selected as the contractor.

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36. Q. HOW WAS W. ROGERS COMPANY SELECTED?

A. With a traditional Design-Bid-Build project, the evaluation of the proposals provided by the three (3) bidders would have followed an analysis of the financial proposals of each bidder and come down to the bidder with the least cost. This is because a majority of the design for the facility is complete and each bidder is working from the same plan sheets and specifications.

However, since KAW chose to utilize a Contractor at Risk approach, a more detailed evaluation of the proposals was utilized to account for the fact that the bidders were developing their costs on a partial design concept and proposing different solutions to meet the requirements of the project based on 60% design drawings. It was recognized that, upon selection of the successful contractor, the design is further refined and chances for value-engineering the facility is possible through the collaboration of the owner, designer and contractor.

The three (3) Contractor at Risk proposals were evaluated by a team of four KAW individuals representing Operations and Engineering and representatives of Hazen and Sawyer. The evaluations considered various aspects of the proposals including: supervision and Superintendent fees, suitability of the technical submission, adequacy of the proposed schedule, qualifications of the contractor team, and project management and construction resources.

A scoring criterion was developed for various categories of the proposals. The following categories were used to score each proposal:

Commercial	35%
Technical Merit	15%
Schedule	20%

1	Qualifications and Experience	10%
2	Resources	20%

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Proposers were given scores reflecting the adequacy with which they fulfilled each of these categories.

The results of the scores given to each proposer were as follows:

W Rogers Company, Lexington, KY	64.7
Layne Christensen, Orleans, IN	59.6
Bowen Engineering, Indianapolis, IN	57.9

With respect to the Commercial Category (fees and fixed), review of the Construction Supervision and Superintendence Fees – indicates that W. Rogers Supervision and Superintendence Fee and Fixed Fees was the least cost proposer. These values from the proposal are the most significant since they were not impacted greatly by the bidder’s solution to the design concept for the new facility.

As a result of this detailed evaluations, W. Rogers Company was selected as the preferred contractor for the project.

37. Q. WHAT IS THE COST OF PROJECT?

A. The estimated cost of project for the proposed improvements using 2014 dollars is \$15,600,000.

38. Q. WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT COSTS?

A. The estimated cost of the project of \$15,600,000 is broken down into these activities and work groups:

1	Preliminary (\$477,027)	
2	KAW Labor	\$ 8,374
3	Preliminary Engineering and Filter Study	\$ 36,312
4	Detailed Design, Bidding, and Award	\$ 311,738
5	Preliminary Project Costs (Capitalized Clearing, AFUDC)	\$ 120,603
6	Construction (\$15,122,973)	
7	KAW Labor	\$ 66,150
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9	Construction Costs	\$ 13,568,055
10	Construction Project Costs (Capitalized Clearing, AFUDC)	\$ 1,488,768
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12 **39. Q. WOULD YOU RECOMMEND THAT THE COMMISSION APPROVE**
13 **THIS CERTIFICATE?**

14 A. Yes. It is my opinion that KAW has designed a least reasonable cost solution to
15 replace the RRS Filter Building that is structurally deficient and poses a safety
16 concern. The proposed improvements will allow for RRS Facility to be an
17 important component in KAW meeting the demands of its customers now and
18 into the future.

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20 **40. Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

21 A. Yes.

Brent E. O'Neill, P.E., M.B.A.

Qualifications

Professional Engineer with 22 years of experience in demonstrated roles of leadership and authority. Qualified to lead and manage staff to implement multidisciplinary projects. Demonstrated success leading the implementation of improvements of major capital projects involving water production and distribution facilities. Performed analytical review and strategic planning of improvements to facility and distribution system assets. Developed and established process reviews and participated in system acquisitions.

Professional Experience

Director of Engineering

Kentucky and Tennessee American Water Companies, Lexington, KY **May 2013 – Present**

Supervised projects and staff for the Kentucky and Tennessee Engineering Departments. Development of strategic planning and project coordination for both Kentucky and Tennessee American Water Companies. Development and oversight of Capital Spending Plans for both Kentucky and Tennessee. Designed, coordinated, and managed the construction and commission of water main extensions, water storage facilities, pumping facilities and production facilities.

Engineering Manager Capital Delivery

Illinois-American Water Company, Belleville, Illinois **March 2008 – May 2013**

Supervised projects and staff for the Illinois Engineering Department with responsibility for capital projects in several districts within Sothern and Central Illinois, as well as Iowa. Participated in the development of strategic planning and project coordination for several divisions of ILAWC. Designed, coordinated, and managed the construction and commission of water main extensions, water storage facilities, pumping facilities and production facilities.

Key Contributions:

- Led staff through development, design and construction of 14 major facility improvements and numerous additional projects valued at \$157.6 million over the past 4 years.
- Managed and coordinated the integration of the recurring new and replacement mains programs into the Engineering Department during 2012. Staff initiated, designed and completed approximately 6 miles of main replacements throughout Alton, Interurban, Cairo, Lincoln and Champaign with a value of \$6.9 million during 2012...

Project Manager

Illinois-American Water Company, Champaign, Illinois **March 2006 – February 2008**

Supervised distribution functions and forty staff for the Champaign County Region, serving more than 141,000 residents. Developed strategic plans and served as project manager for \$52 million lime softening ground water treatment facility. Ensured projects met regulatory requirements for numerous agencies.

Key Contributions:

- Managed \$6.5 million capital investment program of new services, replacement mains and replacement meters.
- Managed Water Distribution Operations totaling 585 miles and 49,632 meters.
- Coordinated district development of new treatment facility, including planning, acquisition of forty acre tract, well field development, communication, hydrology investigation, development of well mitigation program. Project meet planned inservice date of December 2008 and was complete within 1% of budget.

Senior Asset Manager

American Water Company/Thames, Reading, United Kingdom **June 2005 – March 2006**

Provided technical assistance and reviewed the development of GIS Foundation Project for Thames Water. Managed the development of the View Tool.

Network Operations Manager

Illinois-American Water Company, Champaign, Illinois **August 2004 – June 2005**

Supervised distribution functions and forty staff for the Champaign County District. Developed strategic and business plan for the district. Ensured coordination and communication for five communities and seven large wholesale customers served by the district.

Engineering Manager

Illinois-American Water Company, Champaign, Illinois

September 1999 – August 2004

Supervised projects and staff for the Champaign Engineering Department with responsibility for capital projects in several districts within Central Illinois. Participated in the development of strategic planning and project coordination for several divisions of ILAWC. Designed, coordinated, managed and observed the construction and commission of water main extensions, water storage facilities, pumping facilities and production facilities. Oversaw development of developer installed distribution extensions, specifications and procedures.

Education and Licenses

Masters in Business Administration

Lumpkin College of Business, Eastern Illinois University, May 2002

Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering

College of Engineering, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, May 1991

Illinois Professional Engineer, License Number 0062-052154

Iowa Professional Engineer, License Number 016756

Kentucky Professional Engineer, License Number 29752

Tennessee Professional Engineer, License Number 117050

Additional Employment

Staff Engineer

Northern Illinois Water Corporation, Champaign, Illinois

August 1996 – September 1999

Civil Engineer I

Town of Normal, Normal, Illinois

December 1994 – August 1996

Civil Engineer

Berns, Clancy and Associates, P.C., Urbana, Illinois

June 1991 – December 1994

Selected Technical Skills

- Hydraulic Model Development utilizing Haestad WaterCAD
- AutoCAD 2007
- ArcView
- Microsoft Office, Word, PowerPoint, Project, Excel, Access and Visio

Professional Associations

- Chairman, East Central Regional Water Supply Planning Committee, 2007
- Mahomet Aquifer Consortium, 2004 – 2007
- Illinois Society of Professional Engineers, 1991-2007; Chapter Representative, 1998-2000
- American Water Works Association, 1996-2007
- Guest Lecturer, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Civil Engineering Department
- Champaign Rotary, 2006 - 2007

Community Involvement

Explorium of Lexington, 2014-Present

Board member for a non-profit Lexington Children's Museum. Our mission is to create a fun and dynamic hands-on learning environment that inspires imagination and curiosity.

Champaign-Urbana Theatre Company, 1992-2007

Founding board member, past board president and production chair responsible for \$150,000 annual production season for a non-profit community theater organization.