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RE: Application of Virginia American Water Company
City of Alexandria, Virginia Notice of Participation as Respondent
Case Number: PUE-2015-00097

Dear Mr. Peck:

I enclose a Notice of Participation as a Respondent on behalf of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Karen S. Snow
Assistant City Attorney

Enclosure

cc: Certificate of Service

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**COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION**

**APPLICATION OF
VIRGINIA AMERICAN WATER COMPANY**

CASE NO. PUE-2015-00097

For a general increase in rates

**CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA
NOTICE OF PARTICIPATION AS A RESPONDENT**

COMES NOW the City of Alexandria, Virginia (“Alexandria”), a municipal corporation of the Commonwealth of Virginia, by counsel, and pursuant to the State Corporation Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure (“Rules”), 5 VAC 2-20-80(B), 5 VAC 5-20-140, and 5 VAC 5-20-150, and the November 30, 2015, Order for Notice and Hearing of the Virginia State Corporation Commission (the “Commission”), files the City of Alexandria’s Notice of Participation as a Respondent in the above-captioned proceeding. Pursuant to the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-80(B) and the Commission’s November 30, 2015, Order the City of Alexandria states as follows:

1. On October 30, 2015, Virginia American Water Company filed an Application to increase its allowable revenues and base water rates on numerous grounds, including but not limited to, increased capital investments, decreased water sales and a diminished rate of return on equity. The Application was filed under Article 2 of Chapter 10 of Title 56 of the Code of

Virginia and the provisions for general rate increases set forth in the Commission's Order Adopting Regulations of December 16, 2008 in Case No. PUE-2008-0001 (VAC 5-201-10 *et seq.*).

2. VAWC is seeking a rate increase that would result in allowable revenues from City of Alexandria's customers of \$2,326,882 or 15.86% over current revenues. The result is an increase in current rates of approximately 22.86% for residential customers, 12.31% for commercial customers and 6.27% for industrial customers in Alexandria.

3. As the local governing body elected to represent its citizens, Alexandria is vitally interested in ensuring that ratemaking decisions made by the Commission and which will affect the rates of City residents and business are necessary and proper and only increased if found to be absolutely warranted under applicable law.

4. The proposed rate increase will have a significant impact on City of Alexandria's government as the proposed rate increase will affect the economic health of Alexandria as a whole.

5. Alexandria, as one of the jurisdictions with the largest VAWC customer base, has a direct and substantial interest in the outcome of this proceeding to protect the interests of Alexandria ratepayers and its participation therefore, is in the public interest.

6. The City of Alexandria files this Notice of Participation in order to make known its concerns regarding, *inter alia*, the unreasonableness and unjustness of the rates being requested, the accuracy and reasonableness of the financial information provided by VAWC and the unreasonableness of the "rate of return."

7. Counsel for the City of Alexandria are:

James L. Banks, Jr.
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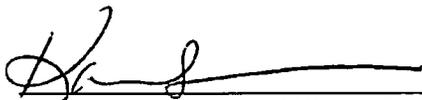
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8. It is respectfully requested that all pleadings and other documents issued and/or filed in this proceeding by the Commission, the Commission's Staff or a party to serve counsel for the City of Alexandria at the above address, and that the Commission's official service list be amended to reflect the same.

WHEREFORE, the City of Alexandria hereby gives Notice of Participation as a Respondent and interested party in the above-captioned proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF ALEXANDRIA,
a municipal corporation of Virginia
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