

1                                   **WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF DARRIN JENSEN-PETERSON**

2                                   **2022 Water Rate Increase Application (Docket #21-2443-01)**

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4   **Q.    Please state your name, business address, and present position with WaterPro Inc.**  
5           **(the “Company”), a subsidiary of Draper Irrigation Company.**

6    A.    My name is Darrin Jensen-Peterson, my business address is 12421 South 800 East,  
7           Draper, Utah, and I am the Chief Executive Officer and General Manager of the  
8           Company.

9   **Q.    Briefly describe your educational and professional background.**

10   A.    I have served as the Company’s Chief Executive Officer and General Manager since  
11           2008. From 1999 to 2008, I served as the Company’s Chief Financial Officer and  
12           Comptroller. I have a Bachelor’s Degree from the University of Utah in business and  
13           finance. Additionally, I served on the Conservation Board of the American Water Works  
14           Association (AWWA) from 2008 to 2011. I am a member of Rural Water of Utah  
15           Association and American Water Works Association (AWWA).

16   **Q.    What are your responsibilities as the Chief Executive Officer and General Manager**  
17           **of the Company?**

18   A.    As a wholly-owned subsidiary of Draper Irrigation Company, WaterPro is a water  
19           company that is ultimately owned by its more than 8,062 customers. As the Chief  
20           Executive Officer and General Manager of the Company, I have the responsibility to  
21           make sure that the Company provides its customers with clean, safe, and affordable  
22           drinking water.

23   **Q.    What is the purpose of your testimony?**

24 A. The fundamental purpose of my testimony is to introduce our case requesting an increase  
25 in water rates for our customers. Without an increase in rates, the Company is currently  
26 projected to operate at an increasing loss and will be unable to make necessary capital  
27 improvements. To be clear, the capital improvements we are projecting in connection  
28 with this rate request are improvements necessary to continue operating our current  
29 system and serving our current customers efficiently. These are not improvements  
30 intended to help us deal with new service connections, which are addressed through  
31 impact fees. The requested increase of 5% is recommended by our independent  
32 consulting engineers and represents our Board of Director's best effort to balance the  
33 Company's need for increased revenue against the interests of our customers.

34 **Q. Please identify the other witness to be called by the Company to support the**  
35 **application.**

36 A. Josh Bean, who is employed by Bowen Collins & Associates, our third-parting consulting  
37 engineering firm, has filed direct testimony and will testify concerning the Company's  
38 overall revenue requirements based on the forecasted results of operations. This will  
39 form the basis for our requested rate increase.

40 **Q. Does this conclude your direct testimony?**

41 A. Yes.