

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

2 **2023 Water Rate Increase Application (Docket #23-2443-01)**

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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 8,300 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 5.4% 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.