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AVIATION, INC. FOR A §
RATE/TARIFF CHANGE §

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
OF PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

REBUTTAL TESTIMONY
OF
KEVIN BRUNSON

ON BEHALF OF
RIO CONCHO AVIATION, INC.

EXHIBIT RCA-7

SEPTEMBER 27, 2016

REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF KEVIN BRUNSON

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REBUTTAL TESTIMONY OF KEVIN BRUNSON

I. INTRODUCTION

Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.

A. My name is Kevin Brunson. My business address is 221 West Hill Drive, Aledo, Texas 76008.

II. ON-CALL/AFTER-HOURS WORK

Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE EXECUTIVE OVERSIGHT AND ON-CALL/AFTER-HOURS WORK THAT YOU DO FOR RIO CONCHO.

A. I complete a monthly review of the water system performance, including reviewing water loss, consumption, billing, expenses and new connections as part of my executive oversight. I have also been involved in oversight of this rate application and case since its preparation and filing.

During the test year I also completed the following activities for Rio Concho:

- Initiated the pressure study for high demand and peak usages periods in response to a customer complaint
- Initiated a survey of water system customers to determine the extent of the pressure problems
- Conducted a study and consulted with pump experts and distribution line experts regarding implementation of higher cut-in pressure
- Executed a higher cut in pressure and monitored pressure variations during the additional water demand, which was caused by customer using water for

- 1 domestic activities in the mornings and evenings and prompted us to conduct a
2 water loss project
- 3 • Communications with customers to explain the high demand period and our
4 actions to increase cut in pressure for the system
 - 5 • Approved and supervised construction of the on-site water office in the hanger
 - 6 • Made several trips to the airport during business hours to inspect system for
7 storm damage and to ensure water pressure remained above the water pressure
8 minimums
 - 9 • Review the results of expenses and approved/directed the initiation of the
10 preparation of the water rate application
 - 11 • Consulted and provided advice regarding the water rate application
 - 12 • Investigate the purchase of an emergency backup generator to provide
13 electricity for water pumps during power outages to prevent pressure loss and
14 boil water conditions
 - 15 • Researched feasibility of implementing automated air system for pressure tank
 - 16 • Met with rate consultant to review his recommendations for our rate application
 - 17 • Responded to Major Weather events impacting the water system to check the
18 power and pumps, including:
 - 19 ○ January 1 – winter weather/freezing rain
 - 20 ○ February 22 – winter storm
 - 21 ○ February 28 – winter storm
 - 22 ○ March 4 – sleet storm

- 1 ○ March 5 – snow
- 2 ○ April 1 – hail storm and winds
- 3 ○ April 14 – flooding and lightning
- 4 ○ April 18 – high winds and thunderstorm
- 5 ○ April 24 – lightning and thunderstorm
- 6 ○ May 10 – high winds and lightning
- 7 ○ May 17 – flooding and lightning
- 8 ○ May 27 – lightning and flooding
- 9 ○ June 26 – thunderstorm and lightning
- 10 ○ November 17 – winds, thunderstorm and lightning
- 11 ○ December 27 – hail and winds

12 **III. CONCLUSION**

13 Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?

14 A. Yes.