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Jean Stone, Hearing Officer
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, TN 37201

Re: *Petition of Tennessee Wastewater Systems, Inc. to Amend Its Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to Include a Portion of Fentress County Known as Fentress Service Area*
Docket Number: 05-00162

Dear Hearing Officer Stone:

Enclosed is the pre-filed testimony of Fentress County Executive John Mullinix in the above-captioned proceeding. In addition, Mr. Charles Pickney will testify that the statements made in the application and the company's responses to the staff data requests are accurate and will be available to answer questions about the application. Finally, State Representative John Mark Windle will testify to affirm the statements made in his letter to Director Kyle and Director Miller dated January 23, 2006.

Very truly yours,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, PLC

By:


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Enclosure

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

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PRE-FILED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF JOHN B MULLINIX

Q. State your name for the record and your position with the County.

A. John B. Mullinix, I am the Fentress County Executive.

Q. Why is the County involved in this project?

A. The county has been attempting to secure sewer service for several years. Sufficient capital is not available to build a system and extended negotiations with the City of Jamestown to their system was not fruitful.

Q. Is there a demonstrated need for sewer service in this area?

A. We have been working diligently to construct an industrial park in the Clarkrange area that is located in the southern tip of Fentress County. This site is only 13 miles from Interstate 40 which gives us a tremendous advantage over the Jamestown area which is approximately 40 miles from the interstate. I feel that this site will attract new industries that will provide jobs for the people of Fentress County. Without this infrastructure there will be no site. We must have sewer.

Q. How did Tennessee Wastewater become involved?

A. I hear that Tennessee Wastewater provides service in other counties so I approached them about providing the service.

Q. Does Fentress County have a need for a service territory this large?

A. When the people at Tennessee Wastewater asked us what territory we would like for them to serve, we selected a large service area that would allow for flexibility in the county's growth plans and economic opportunities over a large area of the county. Fentress County is a rural area and we are experiencing growth not only in the Clarkrange area but residential growth in different areas due to retirees and other people moving into the area. Tourism has really grown in the last few years and many of these people are building summer homes and may retire later.

What was Tennessee Wastewater's response to request for service?

A. Tennessee Wastewater expressed a willingness to work with county officials, local developers, and investors to help achieve the county's objectives.

Q. If sewer service becomes available to the proposed service area, what impact will it have?

A. I am excited about the future possibility to create economic opportunities, growth, jobs and a better life for all the people of our county. I feel that with this sewer project and the industrial park we have proposed the standard of living for the entire county will be raised. The potential for growth and economic opportunities are here that could affect our way of life for generations to come.

Speaking on behalf of the people of Fentress County, I urge you to approve the petition that has been submitted by Tennessee Wastewater to provide the service we need.

Q. Does this conclude your pre-filed testimony?

A. Yes.