

- (a) The administrative judge or hearing officer shall grant one (1) or more petitions for intervention if:

- (1) The petition is submitted in writing to the administrative judge or hearing officer, with copies mailed to all parties named in the notice of the hearing, at least seven (7) days before the hearing.
- (2) The petition states facts demonstrating that the petitioner's legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other legal interest may be determined in the proceeding or that the petitioner qualifies as an intervenor under any provision of the law; and
- (3) The administrative judge or hearing officer determines that the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the proceedings shall not be impaired by allowing the intervention.


#### **NOVEMBER 7, 2005 AUTHORITY CONFERENCE**

Based upon the criteria set forth in Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-310(a) (2005), at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on November 7, 2005, the panel voted unanimously to grant the *Petition of the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO for Leave to Intervene*. In addition, the panel voted unanimously to appoint General Counsel or his designee to serve as Hearing Officer for the purpose of hearing preliminary matters, setting a procedural schedule to completion and preparing the matter for a hearing before the panel. The panel further directed the Hearing Officer to meet with the parties following the Authority Conference, to address the scope of CWA's intervention, to consider the need for a protective order and to prepare an issues list in the proceeding.

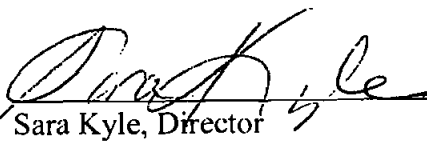
#### **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. The *Petition of the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO for Leave to Intervene* is granted. CWA may participate in this proceeding as its interests require and receive copies of any notices, orders or other documents filed herein.
2. The Authority's General Counsel or his designee is appointed to serve as Hearing Officer for the purpose of hearing preliminary matters, setting a procedural schedule to completion and preparing the matter for a hearing before the panel.

3. The Hearing Officer is directed to meet with the parties on November 7, 2005, to address the scope of CWA's intervention, to consider the need for a protective order and to prepare an issues list in this proceeding.

  
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Ron Jones, Chairman

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Deborah Taylor Tate, Director<sup>1</sup>

  
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Sara Kyle, Director

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<sup>1</sup> Director Tate voted in agreement with the other directors but resigned her position as director before the issuance of this order