

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

IN RE:)	
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PETITION OF CHATTANOOGA GAS)	
COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF)	DOCKET NO. 06-00175
ADJUSTMENT OF ITS RATES AND)	
CHARGES, COMPREHENSIVE RATE)	
DESIGN PROPOSAL, AND REVISED)	
TARIFF)	

CONSUMER ADVOCATE’S RESPONSE TO REQUEST TO CLOSE DOCKET

Robert E. Cooper, Jr., the Attorney General and Reporter for the State of Tennessee, through the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”), respectfully submits this response to Chattanooga Gas Company’s (“the Company’s”) request to close this docket. The Consumer Advocate has concerns about the request.

The Company said, “CGC’s current ACA audit docket (06-00298) has been convened as a contested case, so this docket will afford the parties the same opportunity to discuss and litigate the capacity and asset management issues.” (Request, page 2). However, docket number 06-00298 was convened as a contested case “for the purpose of disposing of any outstanding issues relating to the entry of a protective order.” (Order of March 16, 2007). Therefore, the scope of the contested case would need to be expanded to a real and full contested case before the Company’s representations about the ability to litigate the issues in that docket are actually true.

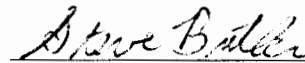
Also, the Consumer Advocate did not participate in the drafting of the protective order in docket number 06-00298. The language of the protective order in that docket does not include the

language that the Consumer Advocate typically requests for the protective order, and the protective order would need to be amended to take into account the participation of the Consumer Advocate.

Furthermore, docket number 06-00298 does not have a procedural schedule at this time to litigate the issues. The Consumer Advocate would want to participate in the setting of a procedural schedule to resolve the issues, if they are not settled.

Finally, the Consumer Advocate has not been granted permission to intervene in docket number 06-00298. The Company's justification for closing docket number 06-00175 is valid only if the Consumer Advocate is allowed to intervene in docket number 06-00298. The Consumer Advocate plans to file a petition to intervene in docket number 06-00298.

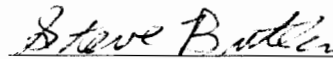
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served on the parties of record via U.S. Mail, commercial delivery, facsimile, e-mail or hand delivery on May 17, 2007.



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