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Hon. Eddie Roberson, Ph.D.
Chairman, Tennessee Regulatory Authority
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Re: TRA Docket #06-00175
Reply to Chattanooga Gas Company's Request to Close Docket

Dear Chairman Roberson:

On behalf of the Chattanooga Manufacturers Association ("CMA"), in response to Chattanooga Gas Company's request to close this docket, CMA echoes the concerns raised by the Attorney General's Consumer Advocate and Protection Division ("Consumer Advocate") in its filing on May 17, 2007. CMA supports those positions taken by the Consumer Advocate, since certain issues in this matter have not yet been addressed and certain procedural steps would need to be taken relative to the utility's current ACA audit docket (TRA Docket #06-00298) before closure of this docket would appear to be appropriate.

As you know, in February, 2007, the parties herein separately filed respective "Proposed Issues" for Phase II of this contested ratemaking hearing since this matter previously had been bifurcated. We do not agree that all of the issues proposed for Phase II are addressed adequately by Chattanooga Gas Company's request to close this docket on May 8, 2007. Further, CMA respectfully believes that issues related to "stored gas/storage" and the inequitable affiliate transactions, which adversely and unfairly impact Chattanooga ratepayers, should be addressed prior to entertaining closure of this contested ratemaking docket.

Very truly yours,


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