

Ms. Darlene Standley Chief of Utilities Division Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Pkwy Nashville, TN 37243

Re: Petition of Tennessee Wastewater Systems to Expand Its Service Area to Include a Portion of Montgomery County in Tennessee Known as East Montgomery Service Area

Docket No. 06-00184

Dear Ms. Standley:

Tennessee Wastewater Systems submits the following response to the Staff's data request dated October 6, 2006.

TWS has met with Mayor Bowers of Montgomery County concerning TWS's application and the county's plan to establish a public Wastewater Regulatory Authority. The Mayor agreed with TWS that the TRA should approve the application of TWS so that wastewater service may be provided to residents in the East Montgomery Area as soon as possible. The Mayor also said the county intended to move ahead with plans for a Wastewater Regulatory Authority. That process requires a number of steps, including approval by the Montgomery County Commission. If and when the Authority is established, TWS and the Mayor agreed that the parties will work cooperatively within the framework of the Authority. For example, TWS may enter into an agreement with the Authority to operate systems in the county. At this time, however, the Authority does not exist and there are no agreements between TWS and the county.

In response to your additional questions:

1. Is there a signed contract between Montgomery County and TWS? If so, please provide the Authority a copy of the contract.

RESPONSE to No. 1: No.

- 2. Which party will contract for the construction of the system?
- 3. Which party will own the system?
- 4. Who will pay for the system that is built?
- 5. Who will operate the system?

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RESPONSE to Nos. 2 – 5: TWS will finance, build, own and operate the proposed system pursuant to a CCN. Should the county establish a Regional Wastewater Authority, TWS will enter into negotiations with the Authority concerning the future ownership and operation of the system.

Very truly yours,

Charles Pickney, Jr.

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