

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**January 5, 2007**

**IN RE:**

**PETITION OF TENNESSEE AMERICAN WATER  
COMPANY TO CHANGE AND INCREASE CERTAIN  
RATES AND CHARGES SO AS TO PERMIT IT TO  
EARN A FAIR AND ADEQUATE RATE OF RETURN  
ON ITS PROPERTY USED AND USEFUL IN  
FURNISHING WATER SERVICE TO ITS CUSTOMERS**

**DOCKET NO.  
06-00290**

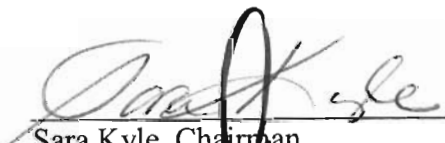
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**ORDER CONVENING A CONTESTED CASE  
AND APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER**

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This matter came before Chairman Sara Kyle, Director Pat Miller and Director Ron Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on December 4, 2006 for consideration of the *Petition* to change and increase certain rates and charges filed on November 22, 2006 by Tennessee American Water Company. During the December 4, 2006 Authority Conference, the panel voted unanimously to convene a contested case proceeding and appoint the Authority's 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 by the second week in April 2007. The panel also requested that the Hearing Officer provide status reports on a monthly basis to the panel members during Authority Conferences.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
Sara Kyle, Chairman

  
Pat Miller, Director

  
Ron Jones, Director