

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**December 18, 2007**

<b>IN RE:</b>	)	
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<b>CHATTANOOGA GAS COMPANY ACTUAL GAS</b>	)	<b>DOCKET NO.</b>
<b>COST ADJUSTMENT FILING FOR THE</b>	)	<b>06-00298</b>
<b>TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2006</b>	)	

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**ORDER DENYING INTERVENTION AND CLOSING DOCKET**

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This matter came before Chairman Eddie Roberson, Director Sara Kyle and Director Ron Jones of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the “Authority” or “TRA”), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on July 9, 2007 for consideration of the *Consumer Advocate’s Petition to Intervene* (“*Petition to Intervene*”) filed by the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Tennessee (“Consumer Advocate”), on May 17, 2007.

In its *Petition to Intervene*, the Consumer Advocate states that it “petitions to intervene in this docket for the purpose of discussing and litigating the pipeline capacity, gas storage and asset management issues that the Consumer Advocate raised in Docket No. 06-00175.”<sup>1</sup> During the Authority Conference, the voting panel reasoned that in light of the Authority’s decision to close Phase II of Docket No. 06-00175 and open a new docket<sup>2</sup> to address asset management and capacity release issues, also rendered on July 9, 2007, the stated purpose for the Consumer

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<sup>1</sup> *Petition to Intervene*, p. 2 (May 17, 2007). See also *In re: Petition of Chattanooga Gas Company to Increase Rates, Including a Comprehensive Rate Design Proposal and Revised Tariff*, Docket No. 06-00175.

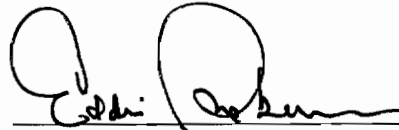
<sup>2</sup> *In re: Docket to Evaluate Chattanooga Gas Company’s Gas Purchases and Related Sharing Incentives*, Docket No. 07-00224.

Advocate's intervention in this docket is no longer compelling. Further, the Consumer Advocate is able to file its intervention with the Authority in the newly opened docket and pursue its interests therein.

Finally, as the audit performed in this docket is complete<sup>3</sup> and no objections pertaining to the substance of the audit itself are raised by the Consumer Advocate in its *Petition to Intervene*, allowing intervention may delay resolution of the audit and create unnecessary confusion and ambiguity for future audit filings.

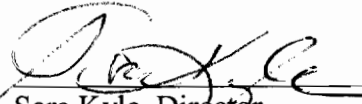
**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The *Consumer Advocate's Petition to Intervene* filed by the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Tennessee is denied and this docket is closed.



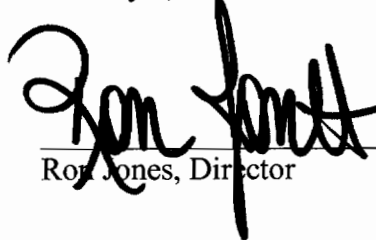
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Eddie Roberson, Chairman



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Sara Kyle, Director



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Ron Jones, Director

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<sup>3</sup> The ACA Audit Report delineating the findings and recommendations of the Utilities Division of the TRA was approved by the Authority at the regularly scheduled Authority Conference on June 25, 2007. See Transcript of Authority Conference, pp. 27-28 (June 25, 2007).