## IN THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE 2007 JAN 15 AM 18: 58

IN RE:	T.R.A. DCC.TET ROOM
PETITION OF LYNWOOD UTILITY CORPORATION TO CHANGE AND INCREASE CERTAIN RATES AND CHARGES	) ) DOCKET NO. 07-00007 ) ) )

## PETITION TO INTERVENE

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"), pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-118, respectfully petitions to intervene in this docket on behalf of the public interest, because consumers may be adversely affected by the requested rate increase of Lynwood Utility Corporation ("Lynwood"). For cause, the Petitioner would show as follows:

- 1. The Consumer Advocate is authorized by Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-118 to initiate a contested case and participate or intervene in proceedings to represent the interests of Tennessee consumers in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act ("UAPA") and Tennessee Regulatory Authority rules and regulations.
- 2. Lynwood is a company regulated by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA"). Lynwood provides sewer service to consumers in the State of Tennessee.

authorize an increase in rates of approximately 34.85% for residential customers and for the sole non-residential customer, Walnut Elementary School, according to Lynwood estimates. The

If the TRA approves the petition of Lynwood in its present form, it would

Consumer Advocate has conducted a preliminary review of the supporting documentation filed

by Lynwood and believes that the amount of the requested increase may be excessive and may

not be just and reasonable under the circumstances.

4. Discovery will be needed to determine whether an increase or decrease in rates is

appropriate and the extent of any such increase or decrease.

5. Only by intervening and participating in this proceeding can the Consumer

Advocate work to protect the public interest.

Wherefore, the Petitioner respectfully asks the TRA to grant the Petition to Intervene and

to convene a contested case.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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Dated: January 16, 2007

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via U.S. Mail or facsimile on January 16, 2007 upon:

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