

**IN THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

<b>IN RE:</b>	)	
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<b>PETITION OF TENNESSEE</b>	)	<b>DOCKET NO. 08-00039</b>
<b>AMERICAN WATER COMPANY TO</b>	)	
<b>CHANGE AND INCREASE CERTAIN</b>	)	
<b>RATES AND CHARGES SO AS TO</b>	)	
<b>PERMIT IT TO EARN A FAIR AND</b>	)	
<b>ADEQUATE RATE OF RETURN ON</b>	)	
<b>ITS PROPERTY USED AND USEFUL IN</b>	)	
<b>FURNISHING WATER SERVICE TO</b>	)	
<b>ITS CUSTOMERS</b>	)	
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**PETITION TO INTERVENE**

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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 Tennessee American Water Company. 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. Tennessee American Water Company ("Tennessee American") is a company regulated by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA"). Tennessee American sells water to consumers in the State of Tennessee.

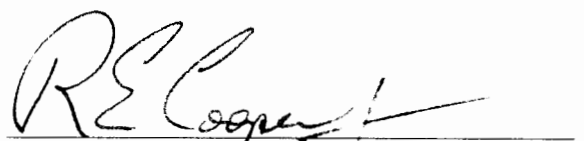
3. If the TRA approves the petition of Tennessee American in its present form, it would mean an increase in rates of approximately 21% for tariffed customers. The dollar amount of the requested increase is \$7,644,859 annually. The Consumer Advocate has conducted a preliminary review of the supporting documentation filed by Tennessee American and believes that the amount of the requested increase may be too high and may not be just and reasonable under the circumstances.

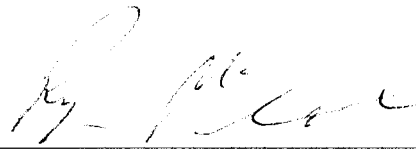
4. Discovery will be needed to determine whether an increase or decrease in rates is appropriate and the extent of such increase or decrease.

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 convene a contested case and grant the Petition to Intervene.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

  
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Attorney General and Reporter  
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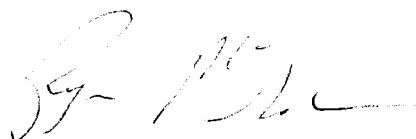
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Dated: April 11, 2008

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via U.S. Mail or facsimile on April 11, 2008.

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