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Chairman Eddie Roberson, Ph.D.
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

**Re: Petition of Tennessee American Water Company to Change and
Increase Certain Rates TRA Docket No. 08-0039**

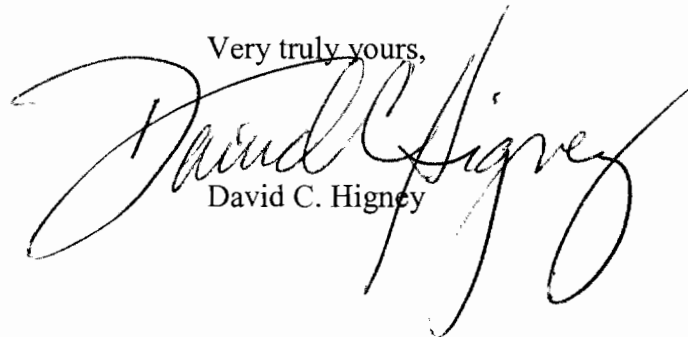
Dear Chairman Roberson:

We respectfully enclose for filing are an original and thirteen (13) copies of the Chattanooga Manufacturers Association's Petition To Intervene in the above-styled case, along with this firm's check in the amount of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) to satisfy the filing fee.

Also enclosed is a copy of the Petition that we would appreciate being stamped "filed" and returned in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope

If you have any questions regarding the same, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



David C. Higney

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Enclosures

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**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE:

PETITION OF TENNESSEE-
AMERICAN WATER COMPANY TO
CHANGE AND INCREASE CERTAIN
RATES AND CHARGES...

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DOCKET NO. 08-0039

**PETITION TO INTERVENE BY THE
CHATTANOOGA MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION**

Comes the Chattanooga Manufacturers Association (hereinafter "CMA"), by and through its counsel, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-310 and Rule 1220-1-2-.08 of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("the Authority"), and respectfully petitions to intervene in this docket as a party of record. In support of its petition to intervene, CMA states as follows:

1. CMA is a one-hundred-six (106) year old trade association consisting of approximately 250 manufacturers and businesses supporting and servicing the manufacturing sector. CMA has substantial and vital interests in the outcome of the Authority's action in this docket and, among other things, desires to intervene in order to protect such interests on behalf of its members and those similarly situated.

2. The Authority previously has granted CMA intervention status in similar utility rate-making cases including, but not limited to, the contested case concluded less than one (1) year ago in which the Company raised rates by a double-digit percentage. This is a contested case as it involves the Company's request to once again raise rates and involves the fixing of rates by the Authority. Given the issues raised in the Company's filing, CMA and its members' legal rights, duties, immunities, or other legal interests may be determined in this proceeding and presently are not, or may not be, adequately represented by another party in this docket.

3. In the present docket, the Company seeks approval by the Authority to again increase certain rates and charges. Such increases follow an extraordinary request and rate increase in 2007 and will adversely affect ratepayers including but not limited to CMA, its members and others similarly situated. The Company's current petition seeks a twenty-one percent (21%) increase in revenue (\$7.645 million annually) which is **an extraordinary request** considering the contested case ending eleven (11) months ago wherein the Company sought a nearly twenty-percent (20%) revenue increase (\$6.379 million annually). CMA avers that the Company's request is not fair, not reasonable, and not in the best interests of CMA or its members and other ratepayers, and should be rejected by the Authority.

4. Accordingly, CMA requests to intervene and participate in this case pending the Authority's rejection, modification or approval of the petition presently filed by the Company before the Authority. The granting of this petition will not impair the interests of justice or the orderly conduct of these proceedings.

5. If this Petition to Intervene is granted, all notices, correspondence, pleadings, copies of orders and other materials should be addressed to CMA's counsel as follows:

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WHEREFORE, the Chattanooga Manufacturers Association respectfully requests that the Authority enter an Order that grants this Petition to Intervene and allows CMA to become an intervening party of record in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 3rd day of April, 2008.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have on this 3rd day of April, 2008, served the foregoing Petition to Intervene of the Chattanooga Manufacturers Association either by hand-delivery, fax, overnight delivery service or first class mail, postage prepaid, to all parties of record at their addresses shown below:

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