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#### VIA HAND-DELIVERY

Chairman Eddie Roberson, PhD c/o Ms. Sharla Dillon Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, Tennessee 37243

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. 08-00039

#### Dear Chairman Roberson:

Enclosed please find an original and sixteen (16) sets of copies of Tennessee American Water Company's Response to Joint Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule and Tennessee American Water Company's Response in Opposition to Intervenors' Proposed Protective Order.

Please return three copies of each of these Responses, which I would appreciate your stamping as "filed," and returning to me by way of our courier.

Should you have any questions concerning any of the enclosed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kindest regards, I remain

R. Dale Grimes

Very truly yours,

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## BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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IN RE:

	TN REGULATORY AUTHORITY
PETITION OF TENNESSEE AMERICAN	) DOCKET ROOM
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	) Docket No. 08-00039
PROPERTY USED AND USEFUL IN	)
FURNISHING WATER SERVICE TO ITS	)
CUSTOMERS	)

# TENNESSEE AMERICAN WATER COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO JOINT MOTION TO MODIFY PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Tennessee American Water Company (the "Company") hereby responds to the Intervenors' Joint Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule, as follows:

- 1. The Company has no objection to the procedural schedule set by the Hearing Officer is satisfactory. All of the parties to this docket were also parties 17 months ago in Docket No. 06-00290. Consequently, this docket should be significantly streamlined. While parties may need to preserve their rights and objections and make an appropriate record, there is no need for the parties to extensively re-litigate procedural matters that were addressed in the prior docket.
- 2. The procedural schedule proposed by the Intervenors would extend the time available to Intervenors at the expense of the Company by: (a) significantly reducing the Company's time to respond to the second round of discovery, (b) reducing the Company's time to supplement its responses to the second round of discovery, and (c) reducing the Company's time to file its rebuttal testimony (following the deadline for the Intervenors' pre-filed testimony).

3. The Company would not object to the Intervenors' requested one week expansion of time to file their pre-filed testimony so long as the revised procedural schedule (a) does not truncate the Company's time as described above, and (b) allows the TRA sufficient time to decide the matter within the statutory period.

Respectfully submitted,

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