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Re: Petition of Hickory Star Water Company, LLC for Approval of Adjustment of Its Rates and Charges; Docket No. 08-00051

Dear Chairman Hargett:

In compliance with Tennessee Regulatory Authority Rule 1220-4-1-.05, this letter is to inform the Authority that notice of the proposed rate change and hearing has been published in a newspaper of general circulation in the area in which the petitioner offers services to its customers and to whom notice is required. Attached are copies of the notice as published in the Knoxville News-Sentinel newspaper on October 27, 2008.

Sincerely,

H. LaDon Baltimore

Counsel for Hickory Star Water Company, LLC

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TO: HICKORY STAR WATER COMPANY, LLC

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT HICKORY STAR WATER COMPANY, LLC FILED A PETITION AND TARIFF WITH THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY ON APRIL 7, 2008 ASKING THAT IT BE PERMITTED TO CHANGE WATER RATES **CURRENTLY BEING CHARGED IN THE AREA BEING**

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State of Tennessee County of Knox

Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county, this day personally Came Rosanna Luttrell who, being first duly sworn, according to law, says that she is a duly authorized representative of The Knoxville News-Sentinel, (BLOUNT TODAY EDITION) a WEEKLY newspaper published at Knoxville, in said county and state, and that the advertisement of:

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and that the statement of account herewith is correct to the best of her knowledge, information, and belief.

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of which the annexed is a copy, was published in said paper on the following date(s):

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Hickory Star Water Company, LLC ("Company" or "Utility") filed a petition and tariff with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") on April 7, 2008, asking that it be permitted to change water rates currently being charged in the area being serviced by the Company. On June 20, 2008, the Authority granted a Motion for Interim Emergency Rate Relief until the Authority makes a final determination regarding rates. The monthly water and sewer service rate changes and increases have been proposed because the Utility's water supplier, the City of Maynardville, has increased the rates charged the Utility by almost 50%, and the Utility's existing rate and rate structure do not produce sufficient revenue to permit the Utility to meet its operating expenses.

The hearing for the petition has been set for Monday, November 10, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. (CDT) at the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, TN 37243-0505.

The proposed rates increase existing rates. Under the proposed water rates, customers will be charged \$43.45 per month for a minimum 2,000 gallons. The existing incremental interim emergency rates will remain the same. These water rate changes will result in an increase of \$.46 in each customer's monthly water rate.

Under the proposed sewer rates, customers will be charged \$17.73 per month for a minimum 2,000 gallons. The existing incremental sewer rates will remain the same. These water rate changes will result in an increase of \$2.73 in each residential

customer's monthly sewer rate. Hickory Star Marina will be charged a sewer rate of \$834.00 per month; a resulting increase of \$834.00 per month to Hickory Star Marina.

A complete copy of the proposed tariff changes and the reasons for them are on file with the Utility's business office and with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority and are open to public inspection.