

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

<b>GENERIC CONTESTED CASE TO</b>	)	
<b>ANALYZE AND EVALUATE THE</b>	)	
<b>COST BENEFITS AND FUNDING</b>	)	<b>DOCKET NO. 08-00064</b>
<b>MECHANISMS FOR ENERGY</b>	)	
<b>CONSERVATION RESEARCH</b>	)	
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**COMPLAINT AND PETITION TO INTERVENE**

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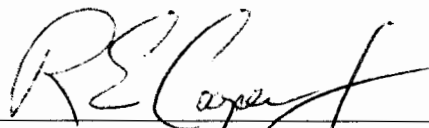
Robert E. Cooper, Jr., the Attorney General & Reporter for the State of Tennessee, through the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of Attorney General (hereinafter “Consumer Advocate”), pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-118, respectfully submits this complaint and petition to intervene on behalf of the public interest, because Tennessee consumers will be affected by actions taken in this case. The Consumer Advocate respectfully petitions as follows:

1. The Consumer Advocate has the duty and authority under Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-118 to represent the interests of Tennessee consumers of public utilities services.
2. The Consumer Advocate is authorized by Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-118 to initiate, participate or intervene in proceedings to represent the public interest in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act (“UAPA”).
3. This docket has been convened to “analyze and evaluate the cost-benefits and funding mechanisms for energy conservation research” within a generic contested case.
4. Various proposals for funding mechanisms to support research and development in prior dockets have called for mandatory surcharges on consumers. This proceeding, in considering

as yet unspecified funding mechanisms which may or may not require mandatory consumer funding, may affect the rights of Tennessee's natural gas consumers.

WHEREFORE, the Consumer Advocate prays that the Tennessee Regulatory Authority grant this petition to intervene and allow the Consumer Advocate to participate as a party in this proceeding.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Complaint and Petition to Intervene was served on the party below via facsimile, U.S. Mail, hand delivery, commercial delivery, or e-mail, on the 16 day of June, 2008.

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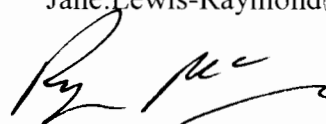
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