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Hearing Officer Gary Hotvedt Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243-0505 filed electronically in docket office 5/14/2009

Re: TRA Docket No. 08-00202

Petition of Tennessee Wastewater Systems, Inc. for

Approval to Amend Its Rates and Charges

Dear Judge Hotvedt:

Pursuant to the TRA's rules, the following notice regarding the above-captioned rate case was published in newspapers of general circulation in the utility's service area.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Tennessee Wastewater has filed a petition with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA) seeking to amend its rates and charges for all residential, noncabin commercial, and access fee customers. It is the company's first proposed rate increase in 9 years, and the increase is necessary to cover the company's costs of service. This petition seeks a monthly increase of \$24.19 per residential RSF customer, \$28.32 per residential DCP customer, \$30 per commercial customer, and an annual increase of \$36 per access fee customer. The company is requesting an increase in service disconnect and reconnect fees of \$30 and \$35, and an increase in the bad check fee of \$5. The company is proposing that special requests expenses for premium vegetation control will be passed through, at cost, to the requesting developments. The company is requesting that the \$60 deposit fee be discontinued and a \$60 signup fee be implemented in its place. These proposed rate changes are subject to review by the TRA and may be denied, in whole or in part, by the agency based on the evidence presented. A copy of this petition and supporting documents have been filed with the TRA and can be viewed by the public at the TRA or seen at www.state.tn.us/tra under Active Dockets, Docket 08-00202.

This notice was published:

- 1. On November 4, 2008 in the Winchester Herald-Chronicle
- 2. On November 5, 2008 in the Robertson County Times

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- 3. On November 3, 2008 in the <u>Clarksville Leaf-Chronicle</u>
- 4. On November 2, 2008 in the Columbia Daily Herald
- 5. On November 4, 2008 in the Sevierville Mountain-Press
- 6. On November 3, 2008 in the <u>Cookeville Herald-Citizen</u>
- 7. On November 1, 2008 in the <u>Knoxville News-Sentinel</u>
- 8. On November 5, 2008 in the Ashland City Times
- 9. On November 6, 2008 in The Tennessean-Williamson A.M.

Furthermore, at the request of the Hearing Officer, the following notice was also published in newspapers of general circulation in the utility's service area.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Tennessee Regulatory Authority has scheduled a hearing on the merits of the rate increase of Tennessee Wastewater Systems, Docket 08-00202, at 9 a.m. central daylight time, on May 4, 2009, in the Hearing Room at 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee 37343-0505.

Participants with disabilities who require special accommodations or alternate communications formats should contact the TRA at the address above or call 1-800-342-8359 or TDD 615-741-3930 so that reasonable accommodations can be made.

If you have questions about this matter, you may call Carsie Mundy, chief of the consumer services division, at 800-342-8359, ext. 157, during normal business hours.

This notice was published in the following newspapers:¹

- 1. On April 30, 2009 in the Columbia Daily Herald
- 2. On April 29, 2009 in the Cookeville Herald-Citizen

Because of the short period of time between the Hearing Officer's request and the May 4 hearing date, there was insufficient time to place the notice in two papers which are only published weekly. Nevertheless, this list includes papers of general circulation in all areas served by Tennessee Wastewater.

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- 3. On May 1, 2009 in the Winchester Herald-Chronicle
- 4. On April 29, 2009, in the Knoxville News-Sentinel
- 5. On May 1, 2009 in the Sevierville Mountain-Press
- 6. On May 1, 2009 in <u>The Tennessean-Williamson A.M.</u>
- 7. On May 1, 2009 in the <u>Clarksville Leaf-Chronicle</u>

I have publisher's affidavits to verify each of these notices and can provide that information, if needed, to the TRA.

Respectfully submitted,

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