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Re: Petition of Tennessee Wastewater Systems, Inc. for Approval
to Amend Its Rates and Charges
Docket No. 08-00202


Dear Mr. Collier,

On behalf of Tennessee Wastewater Systems, Inc. ("TWSI"), the purpose of this letter is to update you on the status of this rate case. As you know, the TRA Staff is participating as a party to this proceeding (TRA Conference transcript, April 7, 2008, at pp. 50-51) along with the Consumer Advocate Division. The parties have been working diligently on a negotiated settlement and appear very close to finalizing an agreement. We plan to present the agreement to the Authority in time for consideration at the TRA's December 15, 2008, conference.

Given the likelihood of a final settlement being filed within the next week or so, TWSI respectfully suggests that it is not necessary at this time for the TRA advisory staff to initiate an independent investigation by issuing staff data requests to TWSI. In the unlikely event that the negotiations fail and this docket proceeds to hearing, TWSI will provide the advisory staff with additional time to make whatever data requests are needed. To avoid any concerns the advisory staff may have, TWSI will voluntarily extend by thirty days the six-month, statutory deadline within which the TRA must make a final decision on this case.¹

Very truly yours,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, PLC

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¹ This petition was filed on October 20, 2008. TWSI will, for purposes of this waiver, assume that the filing date was November 19, 2008.