

**IN THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE:)	
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DOCKET TO EVALUATE AFFILIATE)	DOCKET NO. 09-00033
TRANSACTIONS FOR WASTEWATER)	
COMPANIES)	

PETITION TO INTERVENE

Robert E. Cooper, Jr., Attorney General and Reporter for the State of Tennessee, by and through the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate"), pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-118, respectfully petitions the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA" or "Authority") to convene a contested case and grant the Consumer Advocate's intervention into this proceeding on behalf of the public interest because consumers may be adversely affected by the use of affiliates by Tennessee Wastewater Systems, Inc. ("TWSI") and other wastewater utilities. For cause, Petitioner would show as follows:

1. The Consumer Advocate is authorized by Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-118 to represent the interests of Tennessee consumers of public utilities services by initiating and intervening as a party in proceedings before the Authority in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act and Authority rules.

2. TWSI is a public utility regulated by the Authority which provides wastewater treatment services at various locations within the state. Its principal office is located at 851 Aviation Parkway, Smyrna, Tennessee 37167.

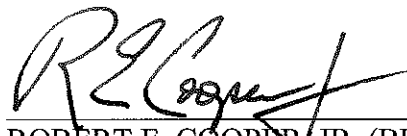
3. On March 30, 2009, the TRA convened Docket No. 09-00033 to examine the use of affiliates by TWSI and other wastewater utilities and to address the application of Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-201 to affiliates in the wastewater service industry. This issue is a direct result of issues discovered in related TRA Docket No. 08-00202, involving TWSI's Petition to Amend its Rates and Charges.

4. Additional investigation and discovery will be needed to examine the use of affiliates and to address the application of Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-201 to affiliates in the wastewater service industry.

5. Only by participating in this proceeding can the Consumer Advocate work adequately to protect the interests of consumers.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully asks the Authority to convene a contested case proceeding and grant the Petition to Intervene.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. E. Cooper, Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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