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Chairman Sara Kyle  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
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Re: Docket No. 09-00183;  
Petition of Chattanooga Gas Company for Approval of Adjustment of Its Rates and  
Charges, Modifications of Its Rate Design, and Revised Tariff

Dear Chairman Kyle:

CenturyLink<sup>1</sup> submits its comments in response to the Notice of Public Comment issued on December 28, 2009 in the above-referenced docket. CenturyLink provides local exchange, long distance, high-speed data, payphone and video services through its affiliates in Tennessee, and has participated in numerous proceedings before the Authority that have required implementation of a protective order. CenturyLink appreciates the Authority's efforts to develop a model protective order for use in its proceedings. CenturyLink supports the Proposed Protective Order and comments separately filed in this docket today by Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc.

An original and five (5) copies of this submission are included for filing. Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

Jeanne W. Stockman

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<sup>1</sup> CenturyLink's Tennessee operating companies include the following: United Telephone Southeast LLC d/b/a CenturyLink; CenturyTel of Adamsville, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Adamsville; CenturyTel of Claiborne, Inc d/b/a CenturyLink Claiborne; CenturyTel of Ooltewah-Collegedale, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Ooltewah-Collegedale; CenturyTel Long Distance, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink Long Distance; CenturyTel Solutions, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink Solutions; CenturyTel Fiber Company II, LLC d/b/a LightCore, a CenturyLink company; Madison River Communications, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink MRC; CenturyTel Acquisitions, LLC d/b/a CenturyLink Acquisitions; Embarq Communications, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Communications; and Embarq Payphone Services, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink Payphone.