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Re: In re Petition of Chattanooga Gas Company for a General Rate Increase, Implementation of Energysmart Conservation Programs and Implementation of a Revenue Decoupling Mechanism, Docket No. 09-00183

Dear Chairman Kyle:

Enclosed please find an original and five (5) copies of Tennessee American Water Company's Comments Regarding Model Protective Order for filing in Docket No. 09-00183. An electronic copy of the filing has also been transmitted via email to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority Docket Manager, Sharla Dillon. Please stamp one copy as "filed" and return to me by way of our courier.

Should you have any questions concerning any of the enclosed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



R. Dale Grimes

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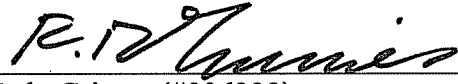
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**TENNESSEE AMERICAN WATER COMPANY'S COMMENTS
REGARDING PROPOSED MODEL PROTECTIVE ORDERS**

Pursuant to the Notice issued by Hearing Officer Hotvedt in Docket No. 09-0183, Tennessee American Water Company ("Tennessee American") hereby adopts the comments submitted by Piedmont Natural Gas, Inc. ("Piedmont") in regard to the competing protective orders submitted by Chattanooga Gas and the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division ("CAPD") to govern the exchange of Confidential Information in TRA dockets. Tennessee American further supports the adoption of the Proposed Protective Order attached as Exhibit A to Piedmont's comments.

Tennessee American respectfully submits that the CAPD's proposed protective order does not provide the necessary provisions or safeguards, and consequently does not set forth a "model" upon which the TRA should proceed. In contrast, the Proposed Protective Order being offered as Exhibit A to Piedmont's Comments captures the necessary protections and procedural safeguards that should be afforded to all entities proceeding before the TRA. Accordingly, any "model" protective order being adopted by the TRA should contain those revisions reflected in Piedmont's Proposed Protective Order.

Respectfully submitted this 19th day of January, 2010.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "R. Dale Grimes", written in black ink.

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