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Hon. Sara Kyle, Chairman  
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Re: Comments on Proposed Protective Order  
Docket No. 09-00183

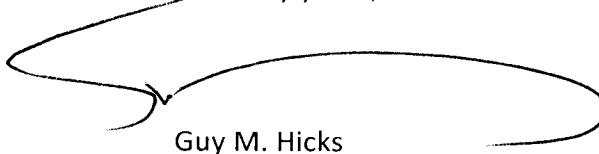
Dear Chairman Kyle:

This is in response to the *Notice of Public Comment* issued by Hearing Officer Gary Hotvedt on December 28, 2009. In that *Notice*, the Hearing Officer invited public comment on competing versions of protective orders submitted by Chattanooga Gas and the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division ("CAPD") to govern the exchange of confidential information in TRA dockets.

AT&T strongly believes the CAPD's proposed protective order is seriously flawed and should **not** be adopted by the TRA as a standard protective order for the reasons stated in the *Comments Regarding the Model Protective Order* submitted by Piedmont Natural Gas Company.

A copy of this letter has been provided to counsel of record in this docket.

Sincerely yours,



Guy M. Hicks

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