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Mr. Gary Hotvedt, Hearing Officer
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Pkwy.
Nashville, TN 37238

Re: **Docket 09-00183: Petition of Chattanooga Gas Company For A General Rate Increase, Implementation Of The Energysmart Conservation Programs And Implementation Of A Revenue Decoupling Mechanism**

Dear Hearing Officer Hotvedt,

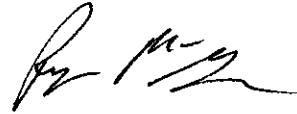
Pursuant to your order of February, 26, 2010, a number of dates in the procedural schedule have been modified. The Consumer Advocate has no scheduling conflicts with the change to the dates for the hearing on the merits in this matter. However, we wish to advise you that the new March 10, 2010 deadline for direct testimony may be challenging to fulfill.

While both the Consumer Advocate and Chattanooga Gas Company ("CGC"), Inc. have worked together to resolve discovery production issues, the process has facilitated the provision of information on a rolling basis which has continued well beyond the original February 5, 2010 procedural deadline for the production of discovery. While this productive process continues, the time for evaluation and analysis of the provided information in preparation for the Consumer Advocate's direct testimony shortens.

Furthermore, the ten-day deadline allowed CGC with regard to discovery requests 201 and 202, does not require the production of this data until March 8, 2010, only forty-eight hours before the Consumer Advocate's testimony is due. Depending on CGC's answers to those discovery requests, the Consumer Advocate may be unable to fully evaluate the impact of that data on its overall position in this Docket and incorporate that information into its primary testimony. Therefore, the Consumer Advocate wishes to notify the Authority and the parties that, if necessary, it may file a timely *Motion to File Supplemental Testimony*, with regard to the issue of any imputed revenues between affiliates, after receiving and reviewing CGC's responses.

At this time, we are not requesting a modification to the new procedural schedule. Moreover, we will work diligently to meet the new deadline for direct testimony. In the event the Consumer Advocate concludes a request for additional time for direct testimony or a request for supplemental testimony is warranted, the Consumer Advocate will at the earliest possible date notify you and the other parties to this docket of our intentions to make such a request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ryan L. McGehee', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Cc: Parties of Record