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Re: Docket 09-00183

Dear Hearing Officer Hotvedt:

Upon receipt of the February 26, 2010 Order ("Order") which modifies the procedural schedule in the above referenced docket, Chattanooga Gas Company ("CGC") contacted its witnesses to confirm their availability for the new dates for the hearing on the merits of April 12-14, 2010. All of its witnesses are available to appear on these dates except for Dr. Morin, CGC's cost of capital expert. Unfortunately, Dr. Morin is scheduled to be out of the country at that time. To resolve this conflict and preserve the new procedural schedule, CGC requests that Dr. Morin and the intervening parties' cost of capital witnesses be allowed to testify in advance of the hearing at a date mutually agreeable to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") and the parties. CGC proposes having this testimony taken on Friday, April 9, 2010, if the TRA and the other parties' witnesses are available. Taking these witnesses in advance will not disrupt the flow of the hearing on the merits and will allow the remainder of the hearing to proceed as scheduled by the TRA.

Further, in partial response to the letter filed earlier today by the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division ("CAPD") of the Office of the Attorney General and Reporter, CGC wants to clarify that there are no outstanding discovery responses owed to the CAPD by CGC except for responses to the two remaining discovery requests (Nos. 201 and 202) which CGC was directed in the February 26, 2010 Order to answer within ten (10) days. CGC has communicated with the CAPD that it is working to have its responses to discovery requests Nos. 201 and 202 filed on or before March 3, 2010, which is well in advance of the ten (10) days allowed in the Order and well in advance of the CAPD's deadline for filing testimony.


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CGC has worked diligently to respond to the CAPD's over 200 first round discovery requests timely and has done so in a manner that should allow the CAPD to meet its deadlines. Further, much of the supporting data and information regarding CGC's rate case has been available to the CAPD since November 16, 2009 when CGC filed its rate case petition, its direct testimony and exhibits, and its responses to the minimum filing guidelines.

CGC will continue to work with the TRA and the parties to have this case prepared for the hearing on the merits on April 12, 2010.

Sincerely,



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cc: Counsel of Record