

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

**PETITION OF CHATTANOOGA GAS COMPANY
FOR A GENERAL RATE INCREASE,
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ENERGYSMART
CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF A REVENUE
DECOUPLING MECHANISM**

DOCKET NO.
09-00183

**TPUC PARTY STAFF RESPONSE REGARDING CHATTANOOGA GAS COMPANY'S
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE TRIAL AUA**

Comes now Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“Commission” or “TPUC”) Staff acting as a Party (“Party Staff”) in this matter to file its response regarding Chattanooga Gas Company’s (“CGC”) Report and Recommendation on the Trial Alignment and Usage Adjustment Mechanism (“AUA”) filed on September 26, 2017.

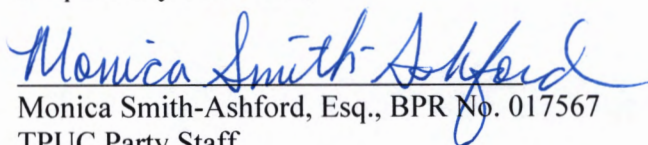
In the *Order* issued by the Commission in this docket on November 8, 2010, Commission Staff was directed to “work with the National Regulatory Research Institute (“NRRI”) to establish a set of measures sufficient to evaluate the Programmable Thermostat and Education and Outreach components.”¹ On September 19, 2017, Jerry Kettles, Director of Economic Analysis for the Commission, filed testimony regarding his determinations regarding the evaluation of the Programmable Thermostat and Education and Outreach components based on measures established by NRRI’s Report Evaluating Chattanooga Gas Company’s 2012-13 Energy Efficiency Programs and Ideas for Evaluating Future Energy Efficiency Programs in Tennessee filed on January 10, 2017.

¹ *Order*, p. 62 (November 10, 2010).

As this docket progresses toward a Commission determination on whether to terminate CGC's AUA and whether to institute a Weather Normalization Adjustment ("WNA") Mechanism for CGC, TPUC Party Staff takes no position and does not plan to actively participate in this docket with respect to those issues. However, TPUC Party Staff maintains its position with regard to its evaluation of the Programmable Thermostat and Education and Outreach programs and reserves the right to become actively engaged in the remaining issues in this docket should the need arise. If TPUC Party Staff needs to become involved in any remaining issues in this docket, Party Staff would not impair the prompt and orderly conduct of the proceedings.

In addition, TPUC Staff acting as a party in this docket pursuant to a Memorandum dated May 16, 2013, will not participate in an advisory capacity on issues regarding the AUA, WNA, or other related issues that may be determined by the Commission.

Respectfully Submitted,



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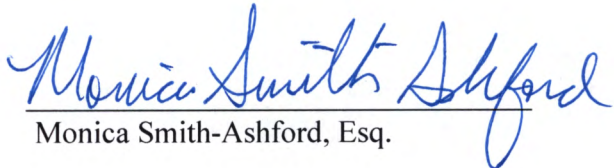
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