IN THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:)	
)	
COMPLAINT OF WALDEN'S RIDGE)	DOCKET NO. 10-00014
AGAINST TENNESSEE AMERICAN)	
WATER COMPANY)	

PETITION TO INTERVENE FOR PURPOSES OF NOTICE AND SERVICE

Robert E. Cooper, Jr., Attorney General and Reporter for the State of Tennessee, by and through the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate"), pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-118, respectfully petitions the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA" or "Authority") to grant the Consumer Advocate's intervention for purposes of notice and service in this proceeding on behalf of the public interest. For cause, Petitioner would show as follows:

- 1. The Consumer Advocate is authorized by Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-118 to represent the interests of Tennessee consumers of public utilities services by initiating and intervening as a party in proceedings before the Authority in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act and Authority rules.
- 2. Tennessee American Water Company ("Tennessee American") is a public utility regulated by the Authority. Tennessee American provides water service to the City of Chattanooga and surrounding areas, including the Walden's Ridge Utility District ("Walden's Ridge").
- 3. On January 7, 2010, Walden's Ridge filed in the Authority a complaint against Tennessee American alleging a violation of Section III (A) of the Water Purchase Contract ("contract") between Walden's Ridge and Tennessee American pertaining to the timing and

implementation of a rate increase granted by the Authority in Docket 08-00039. Walden's Ridge is alleging Tennessee American has not complied with the contract and further that Walden's Ridge has incurred unjustified late charges.

- 4. The Consumer Advocate opposes the imposition of unjustified late charges for any utility consumer.
- 5. This docket has been opened for the purposes of determining whether the complaint alleged against Tennessee American is of merit.
- 6. Only by receiving notice and service in this proceeding can the Consumer Advocate monitor and work adequately to protect the interests of consumers.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully asks the Authority to grant the Petition to Intervene.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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Dated: April 184, 2010.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene was served via U.S. Mail or electronic mail upon:

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This the 1st day of April, 2010.