

TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY



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NOTICE OF FILING COMMENTS

DOCKET: 10-00040

IN RE: *Generic Docket to Consider Modifying Notice Requirements
for Rate Cases*

DATE: March 22, 2010

At a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on February 22, 2010, the Directors of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA"), voted unanimously to open a docket for the purpose of exploring whether the TRA should modify its notice requirements for rate cases. As an initial step, the Directors agreed that the issue relating to the notice requirements be framed and that comments relating to those issues be solicited from public utilities, governmental entities, consumer groups and Tennessee consumers. The Directors also voted unanimously to have Chairman Sara Kyle preside over this docket which will remain under Section One at this time.

The following issues have been framed for consideration in this docket:

1. Whether TRA Rule 1220-4-1-.05 should be amended to provide for alternate methods that a public utility can use to provide notice to customers of a proposed rate increase and the hearing addressing that proposed increase.
2. Whether a public utility should employ a method of direct customer contact, e.g. bill insert, direct mail notification, etc., as a means of providing notice to customers of a proposed rate increase.
3. Whether there should be different notification requirements for different public utilities based on the type of service provided and the type of locale(s) served.
4. Whether notification by a public utility through newspaper(s) should continue to be the principal means of notice to customers and, if so, whether the days of publication of such notice should be increased beyond one day.

5. Where a public utility's service territory is in a locale that is separate and apart from a significant-sized urban area, whether the public utility should publish notice of a propose rate increase in a newspaper having general circulation in the locale.

Interested parties are requested to file comments regarding these issues or addressing any other issues within the subject matter of this docket. Interested parties should file comments related to these issues in Docket No. 10-00040 no later than **2:00 p.m. on Monday, April 19, 2010.**

FOR THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY


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c: Interested parties