BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:)		
PETITION OF TENNESSEE-)	DOCKET NO.	
AMERICAN WATER COMPANY TO)	10-00189	
CHANGE AND INCREASE CERTAIN)		
RATES AND CHARGES)		

CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S RESPONSE IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF CHATTANOOGA'S MOTION THAT WITNESS BE ORDERED TO APPEAR FOR DEPOSITION

The Consumer Advocate and Protection Division ("Consumer Advocate"), respectfully responds to the City of Chattanooga's ("City") Motion That Witness be Ordered to Appear for Deposition, filed with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority") on January 18, 2011, by stating that it is in support of the City's Motion given the timing of Tennessee American Water Company's ("TAWC") Motion to Call Schumaker & Company to Present Testimony Regarding its Affiliate Audit Report of Tennessee American Water Company for the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, which was filed in the Authority on January 12, 2011.

As was stated in the City's Motion, the parties have received no notice of the testimony to be presented by Ms. Patricia Shumaker and have had no meaningful opportunity to propound discovery requests related to her proposed testimony. Because the deadlines to file Testimony and Discovery Requests outlined in the procedural schedule have lapsed, the Consumer Advocate agrees that a deposition will provide the most meaningful opportunity for the parties to obtain the necessary information required to adequately prepare for the upcoming hearing.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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