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Chairman Mary W. Freeman
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Pkwy.
Nashville, TN 37243-0505

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Re: *Petition of Tennessee American Water for a General Rate Increase*
Docket No. 10-00189

Dear Chairman Freeman:

The Consumer Advocate supports the City of Chattanooga, the Chattanooga Regional Manufacturers Association, and the numerous individuals and members of the Hamilton County legislative delegation who have asked that the hearing in this case be held in Chattanooga. The people of Chattanooga have always shown a strong interest in these cases and we respect their wish to have the hearing in Chattanooga. Of course, as fellow members of state government located in Nashville along with the TRA, we also recognize the logistical and fiscal issues involved in holding a hearing in Chattanooga instead of Nashville. But given the clear desire of so many people to hold the hearing in Chattanooga, our preference is to hold the hearing in that city.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan L. McGehee".

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CC: all parties of record in Docket 10-00189