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The Honorable Bo Watson
Chairman, Hamilton County Delegation
6A Legislative Plaza
Nashville, TN 37243

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Dear Chairman Watson:

Thank you for your letter requesting that the public hearing for Tennessee American Water Company be held in the Chattanooga area.

As Hearing Officer in this docket, it has been and continues to be my intent to take public comments in Chattanooga. The issue at hand is whether to do the full contested case hearing in Chattanooga, as opposed to holding the public hearing portion in Chattanooga. The Panel will deliberate this issue in Nashville on Monday, January 24, at our public Authority Conference.

As Chairman of the Authority, there are many factors that I must take into consideration. As our economy shows signs of improvement, I continue to focus on the economic conditions of our state, and more specifically, the overall cost to the Authority and additional rate case expense that would be passed on to the ratepayers if the hearing is not held in Nashville.

Rest assured that I will make sure that every person who wishes to voice an opinion will be heard, and their comments will be made a part of the official record and considered during our deliberations.

Sincerely,

Mary W. Freeman
Chairman

C: Director Eddie Roberson
Director Kenneth Hill
Director Sara Kyle
Members, Hamilton County Delegation