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Via E-Mail & Hand Delivery

October 18, 2010

Mary Freeman, Chairman Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Attention: Sharla Dillon

Re:

Petition of Tennessee-American Water Company for a General Rate Increase

Dear Chairman Freeman:

I have enclosed for filing the Petition to Intervene on behalf of Walden's Ridge Utility District. I have also enclosed the Petition on a compact disc in pdf format. I have enclosed an extra copy which I would appreciate you stamping filed and returning to me. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

DONALD L. SCHOLES

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Ron West Honna Rogers

## BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:

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PETITION OF TENNESSEE- \*
AMERICAN WATER COMPANY TO \*

CHANGE AND INCREASE CERTAIN

RATES AND CHARGES

**DOCKET NO. 10-00189** 

## PETITION OF WALDEN'S RIDGE UTILITY DISTRICT AND SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

Comes the Walden's Ridge Utility District of Hamilton County, Tennessee (the District) and Signal Mountain, Tennessee (Signal Mountain), by and through its counsel, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-310 and Rule 12220-1-2-.08 of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("the Authority"), and respectfully petition to intervene in this docket as a party of record. In support of its petition to intervene, the Petitioners state as follows:

- 1. Walden's Ridge Utility District of Hamilton County, Tennessee is a utility district which provides water service to its customers in Hamilton and Sequatchie Counties in Tennessee. The District purchases all of its water for distribution to its customers from Tennessee-American Water Company (the Company) pursuant to a special contract approved by the Authority.
- 2. Signal Mountain, Tennessee is a municipality which provides water service to its citizens and residents in Hamilton County, Tennessee. Signal Mountain purchases all of its water for distribution to its customers from the Company pursuant to a special contract approved by the Authority.

3. This proceeding is a contested case in which the Company's seeks to increase the wholesale water rate charged to each of the Petitioners by 27.7% which rate will be fixed by the Authority. Given the issues raised by the Company's filing, the Petitioners' legal rights, duties, immunities, or other legal interests may be determined in this proceeding and presently

are not, or may not be, adequately represented by another party in this docket.

- 4. In this present docket, the Company seeks approval by the Authority to increase each wholesale water rate charged to the Petitioners after increasing the Petitioners' rates by 12.77% on June 1, 2009. The rate increase requested will adversely affect the Petitioners and their customers by substantially increasing the Petitioners' cost of serving their customers twice within less than a two year period.
- 5. The Petitioners aver that the Company's present request seeking to increase rates is not fair and reasonable and is not in the best interest of the Petitioners and their customers, and the rate increases to the Petitioners should be rejected by the Authority. Accordingly, the Petitioners request to intervene and participate in this case pending the Authority's rejection, modification or approval of the petition presently filed by the Company before the Authority.
- 6. Granting the Petition to Intervene will not impair the interests of justice or the orderly conduct of these proceedings. If this Petition to Intervene is granted, all notices, correspondence, pleadings, copies of orders and other materials should be addressed to the counsel for the Petitioners as follows:

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WHEREFORE, the Walden's Ridge Utility District of Hamilton County, Tennessee and Signal Mountain, Tennessee respectfully request that the Authority grant this Petition to Intervene and enter an Order allowing them to become an intervening parties of record in this docket.

Respectfully submitted this 184 day of October, 2010.

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