

TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY



460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP

DOCKET NO: 11-00140

IN RE: Docket for the Collection of Information and Comments
Relating to the Use of Mediation or Settlement Discussions
in Contested Cases

DATE: August 26, 2011

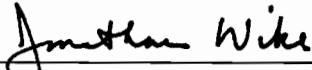
Immediately following the regularly scheduled Authority Conference commencing at 1:00 p.m., CST, on September 12, 2011, the Tennessee Regulatory Authority will conduct a workshop on the need for a procedure, whether formal or informal, for using mediation or settlement discussions in contested cases before the TRA. The general purpose of the workshop is to explore ways to reduce the time and expense associated with TRA contested cases, particularly rate cases. Representatives of public utilities regulated by the TRA and members of the general public are invited to attend and to comment on the following topics:

- How mediation or other discussions can be used to facilitate settlement of, or otherwise streamline, contested cases, including rate cases.
- How and when mediation or settlement discussions should be offered as an option to parties to contested cases.
- How best to incorporate mediation or settlement discussions into the procedural schedules of contested cases.
- Whether and to what extent any mediation should involve TRA staff or third-party mediators.
- Any considerations that may apply specifically to rate cases.

Written comments may be submitted in advance of or at the beginning of the workshop.

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FOR THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY:

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Jonathan Wike, General Counsel