IN THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:)	
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COMPLAINT OF CONOCOPHILLIPS)	DOCKET NO. 11-00210
COMPANY FOR AN ORDER)	
DETERMINING CONOCOPHILLIPS NOT)	
LIABLE FOR PENALTIES AND CHARGES)	·
ASSESSED BY CHATTANOOGA GAS)	
COMPANY, OR, IN THE ALTERNATIVE)	
PETITION FOR SPECIAL RELIEF)	
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PETITION TO INTERVENE

Robert E. Cooper, Jr., Attorney General and Reporter for the State of Tennessee, by and through the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate"), pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-118, respectfully petitions the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA" or "Authority") to grant the Consumer Advocate's intervention into this proceeding on behalf of the public interest because consumers may be adversely affected. For cause, Petitioner would show as follows:

- 1. The Consumer Advocate is authorized by Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-118 to represent the interests of Tennessee consumers of public utilities services by initiating and intervening as a party in proceedings before the Authority in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act and Authority rules.
- 2. Chattanooga Gas Company ("CGC") is a public utility regulated by the Authority and provides natural gas services to consumers located in the State of Tennessee.
- 3. ConocoPhillips Company ("ConocoPhillips") is a business entity that serves as a third party gas supplier for Invista Inc., a CGC customer.

4. In December of 2010 and parts of January of 2011, ConocoPhillips apparently did

not deliver, or failed to arrange to deliver, natural gas at the appropriate pipeline delivery point

for CGC to utilize pursuant to the terms of the Third Party Supplier ("TPS") tariff. CGC imposed

penalties pursuant to the TPS tariff.

5. On December 20, 2011, ConocoPhillips filed a complaint with the Authority

concerning the penalties imposed by CGC for failure to supply natural gas pursuant to an

Authority approved tariff. ConocoPhillips is requesting relief from the penalties imposed by

CGC.

6. The penalties imposed by CGC are not treated as revenue, but rather passed onto

consumers in the form of lower natural gas prices. Any relief granted to ConocoPhillips may

affect the rates paid by the businesses and households served by CGC.

7. Only by participating in this proceeding can the Consumer Advocate work

adequately to protect consumers.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully asks the Authority to grant the Petition to

Intervene.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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Dated: March ___, 2012.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition to Intervene was served via U.S. Mail or electronic mail upon:

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This the 1^2 day of March, 2012.

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