

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

April 18, 2012

IN RE:

**PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF DEMAND RESPONSE
PROGRAM AND ASSOCIATED DEMAND RESPONSE
TARIFFS ON BEHALF OF KINGSPORT POWER
COMPANY D/B/A AEP APPALACHIAN POWER**


**DOCKET NO.
12-00012**

**ORDER CONVENING A CONTESTED CASE
AND APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER**

This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") on April 10, 2012 for the purpose of determining whether to convene a contested case hearing and appoint a Hearing Officer. Kingsport Power Company d/b/a AEP Appalachian Power filed a *Petition for Approval of Demand Response Programs and Associated Demand Response Tariffs* on February 7, 2012. The Directors voted unanimously to convene a contested case proceeding and to appoint the Authority's General Counsel or her designee to serve as Hearing Officer for the purpose of preparing the matter for hearing, including but not limited to, entering a protective order, establishing a procedural schedule, and ruling on intervention requests and discovery issues.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Kenneth C. Hill, Chairman


Sara Kyle, Director


Mary W. Freeman, Director