

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**September 5, 2012**

<b>IN RE:</b>	)	
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<b>PETITION OF TENNESSEE AMERICAN WATER</b>	)	
<b>COMPANY FOR A GENERAL RATE INCREASE,</b>	)	
<b>IMPLEMENTATION OF A DISTRIBUTION</b>	)	<b>DOCKET NO.</b>
<b>SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE CHARGE AND THE</b>	)	<b>12-00049</b>
<b>ESTABLISHMENT OF TRACKING MECHANISMS</b>	)	
<b>FOR PURCHASED POWER, PENSIONS AND</b>	)	
<b>CHEMICAL EXPENSES</b>	)	

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**ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO MODIFY PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

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On August 24, 2012, Tennessee American Water Company ("TAWC") filed a *Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule* in order to allow for a Public Comment Hearing to be held in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

In its *Motion*, TAWC states that holding such a hearing would be consistent with previous Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA" or the "Authority") practice.<sup>1</sup> Additionally, holding this hearing in Chattanooga would provide TAWC customers an "opportunity to comment on the pending rate case, as well as on the safety, adequacy and efficiency, or lack thereof, of the services furnished by TAWC."<sup>2</sup>

TAWC accurately points out that the TRA has held prior rate case hearings in both Nashville and Chattanooga. Regardless of where the hearings have been held, the Authority has customarily provided an opportunity for TAWC ratepayers to offer public comments, which then

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<sup>1</sup> *Tennessee-American Water Company's Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule*, p. 1 (August 24, 2012).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

become part of the official evidentiary record.

TAWC's proposal is reasonable and would benefit the public in Chattanooga that will be the most affected by the rate case proceedings. Providing an opportunity for the public to be heard on such important matters is a reasonable and prudent exercise of the Authority's discretion. Additionally, no interested party has objected to the *Motion*.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. Tennessee American Water Company's *Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule* is hereby granted.

2. A Public Comment Hearing shall be held at the Hamilton County Courthouse, 625 Walnut Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee, on September 20, 2012, between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (EST).

3. Members of the public are invited to provide public comment, which shall become part of the official evidentiary record to be considered by the Authority.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth Hill", is written over a horizontal line.

Chairman Kenneth C. Hill  
Hearing Officer