

**IN THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

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| IN RE: PETITION FOR A GENERAL RATE |) | |
| INCREASE, IMPLEMENTATION OF A |) | |
| DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE |) | DOCKET NO. 12-00049 |
| CHARGE AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF |) | |
| TRACKING MECHANISMS FOR PURCHASED |) | |
| POWER, PENSIONS AND CHEMICAL EXPENSES |) | |

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. TAWC is a public utility regulated by the Authority and provides water services to consumers located in the State of Tennessee.

3. On June 1, 2012, TAWC filed in the Authority a *Petition for a General Rate Increase, Implementation of Distribution System Infrastructure Charge and the Establishment of Tracking Mechanisms for Purchased Power, Pensions and Chemical Expenses* ("Petition"). The Petition requests an increase in rates of nearly \$10.6 million annually. This represents a nearly

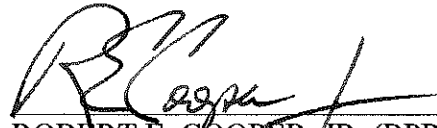
25% increase in rates for the businesses and households of Chattanooga and the surrounding areas served by TAWC.

4. Additional investigation and discovery may be needed to determine whether the proposed rate increase, charges and proposed tracking mechanisms are appropriate and just and reasonable under Tennessee law.

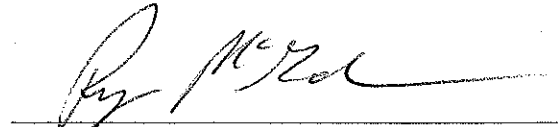
5. Only by participating in this proceeding can the Consumer Advocate work adequately to protect the interests of consumers.

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



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Dated: June ____, 2012.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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