

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

November 20, 2012

IN RE:

PETITION FOR A DECLARATORY RULING THAT  
KNOB RIDGE APARTMENTS, L.P. IS A PUBLIC  
UTILITY UNDER TENNESSEE LAW AND SHOULD  
BE REGULATED BY THE TRA

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ORDER APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER

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This matter came before Chairman James M. Allison, Vice Chairman Herbert H. Hilliard and Director Sara Kyle of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority" or "TRA"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on November 8, 2012 for the purpose of determining whether to appoint a Hearing Officer. On October 11, 2012, Lexington Place Property Owner's Association, Incorporated filed a *Petition for a Declaratory Ruling that Knob Ridge Apartments, L.P. is a Public Utility Under Tennessee Law and Should Be Regulated by the TRA* ("Petition").

During the Authority Conference, the Directors voted unanimously to appoint the Authority's General Counsel or her designee to serve as Hearing Officer. The Hearing Officer was authorized (a) to make a determination, prior to December 10, 2012, whether to accept the *Petition* and whether to set this matter for a contested case proceeding; and (b) if the *Petition* is accepted, to resolve any preliminary matters, including the preparation of a Notice to the Secretary of State as required by Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-224, and to prepare the case for hearing before the panel.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

**Chairman James M. Allison, Vice Chairman Herbert H. Hilliard and Director Sara Kyle concur.**

ATTEST:

  
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Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director