BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

May 5, 2015

IN RE:)	
PETITION OF KINGSPORT POWER COMPANY D/B/A AEP APPALACHIAN POWER FOR APPROVAL OF STORM DAMAGE RIDER TARIFF)	DOCKET NO. 15-00024

ORDER CONVENING A CONTESTED CASE, GRANTING PETITION TO INTERVENE, AND APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER

This matter came before Vice Chairman David F. Jones, Director Kenneth C. Hill and Director Robin Bennett of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on April 20, 2015.

On February 19, 2015, Kingsport Power Company d/b/a AEP Appalachian Power ("Kingsport") filed a *Petition for Approval of a Storm Damage Rider Tariff*. The proposed tariff will allow Kingsport to recover costs incurred as a result of a severe winter storm in January 2013 along with the remaining unrecovered balance from winter storms in December 2009. A *Petition to Intervene* was filed by the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General on March 4, 2015. Kingsport has not filed an objection to the *Petition to Intervene*.

During the Authority Conference, the Directors voted unanimously to convene a contested case proceeding, grant the *Petition to Intervene*, and appoint the Authority's General Counsel or her designee to act as Hearing Officer to prepare this matter for hearing, including establishing a procedural schedule, entering a protective order, and ruling on discovery issues.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Vice Chairman David F. Jones, Director Kenneth C. Hill and Director Robin Bennett concur.

ATTEST:

Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director