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Hon. Herbert H. Hilliard, Chairman c/o Sharla Dillon Tennessee Regulatory Authority 502 Deaderick Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Nashville, TN 37243

RE: Petition of Tennessee-American Water Company Regarding Changes to the Qualified Infrastructure Investment Program Rider, the Economic Development Investment Rider, and the Safety and Environmental Compliance Rider, TRA Docket No. 15-00029

Dear Chairman Hilliard:

Since the submission of Tennessee-American Water Company's ("TAWC") Petition in the above-referenced matter, TAWC and the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General ("CAPD") have been involved in cooperative discussions and have exchanged various information related to the Petition. With the recent submission of the CAPD's Testimony of William H. Novak, the parties hereby jointly represent that there are no outstanding procedural matters requiring resolution by the Hearing Officer. Moreover, as demonstrated by the prefiled testimony, and consistent with the streamlined approach contemplated in the alternative method riders approved in TRA Docket No. 13-00130, it is the joint position of the parties that this matter is ripe for consideration on the merits by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority. With the foregoing in mind, unless his live appearance is requested by the authority, the CAPD will forego incurring the expense of having Mr. Novak present at the hearing, though he would be available telephonically. As TAWC does not intend on cross-examining Mr. Novak, and the CAPD does not intend on cross examining TAWC's witnesses, TAWC has no objection to Mr. Novak participating telephonically.

As required, an original of this filing, along with four (4) hard copies, will follow. Should you have any questions concerning this filing, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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