

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

May 5, 2015

IN RE:

**JOINT PETITION OF AQUA UTILITIES
COMPANY AND TRA STAFF (AS A PARTY)
TO INCREASE RATES AND CHARGES**

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**DOCKET NO.
15-00044**

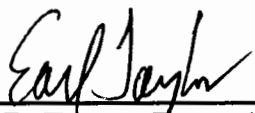
**ORDER CONVENING A CONTESTED CASE
AND APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER**

This matter came before Chairman Herbert H. Hilliard, Director Kenneth C. Hill and Director James M. Allison 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 April 9, 2015, Aqua Utilities Company and TRA Staff, as a party, filed a *Joint Petition* requesting approval of a rate increase. During the Authority Conference, the Directors voted unanimously to convene a contested case proceeding 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 intervention requests and discovery issues.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Chairman Herbert H. Hilliard, Director Kenneth C. Hill and Director James M. Allison concur.

ATTEST:



Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director