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Hon. Herbert H. Hilliard, Chairman
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
502 Deadrick Street, 4th Floor
Nashville, TN 37243

*In Re: Joint Petition of Aqua Utilities Company and TRA Staff (as a
Party) to Increase Rates and Charges, TRA Docket No. 15-00044*

Dear Chairman Hilliard:

In order to expedite this proceeding as much as possible, the Consumer Advocate is hereby informing the Authority and parties that it has reviewed the filings in this docket and has no opposition to the proposed increased rates and charges.

In its review, the Consumer Advocate has determined that the rates and charges set forth by Aqua Utilities Company ("Aqua") and TRA Party Staff are fair and reasonable. The Consumer Advocate appreciates the initiative of TRA Party Staff to assist Aqua with its general rate case and commends their thorough review of the ratemaking issues involved. As the Joint Petition raises no issues of concern, the Consumer Advocate's decision not to intervene will reduce Aqua's cost of litigating this matter and thereby prevent an additional rate increase.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erin Merrick".

Erin Merrick
Assistant Attorney General

CC: All parties of record