BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE September 23, 2015

IN RE:)		
PETITION OF TENNESSEE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS)))	DOCKET NO. 15-00071	

ORDER CONVENING A CONTESTED CASE AND APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER

This matter came before Chairman Herbert H. Hilliard, Vice Chairman David F. Jones and Director Kenneth C. Hill of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on September 14, 2015 for the purpose of determining whether to convene a contested case proceeding and appoint a Hearing Officer.

On August 5, 2015, Tennessee Wastewater Systems, Inc. ("TWSI") filed a *Petition of Tennessee Wastewater Systems, Inc. for Approval of Financing Arrangements* requesting Authority approval of financing arrangements related to the purchase of vehicles, heavy machinery and land. A *Petition to Intervene* was filed on August 21, 2015 by the Consumer Advocate and Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate"). TWSI filed a *Response to Consumer Advocate's Motion to Intervene* on August 28, 2015. On September 11, 2015, the Consumer Advocate filed a *Reply to TWSI's Opposition to Consumer Advocate's Petition to Intervene*, and TWSI filed a *Response to Consumer Advocate's Reply to TWSI's Opposition to Consumer Advocate's Petition to Intervene*.

¹ The Consumer Advocate notified the Authority of a name change to Consumer Protection and Advocate Division of the Office of the Attorney General.

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

ATTEST:

Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director