IN THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:)	
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PETITION OF TENNESSEE)	
WASTEWATER SYSTEMS, INC.,)	DOCKET NO. 15-00071
FOR APPROVAL OF LOANS)	
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THE CONSUMER PROTECTION AND ADVOCATE DIVISION'S STATEMENT OF POSITION

The Consumer Protection and Advocate Division of the Office of the Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate") does not oppose the requests of Tennessee Wastewater Systems, Inc. ("TWSI") outlined in its *Petition for Approval of Financing Arrangements* ("*Petition*"). The Consumer Advocate reached this position after careful review of the filings in this Docket 15-00071, including responses to its own data requests.

While the Consumer Advocate does not oppose the *Petition*, it does not follow that the Consumer Advocate will support recovering the associated costs of these financing arrangements from customers. TWSI has stated that it will seek recovery of these costs from customers in a subsequent proceeding. During the subsequent proceeding and informed by the data presented in this Docket 15-00071, the Consumer Advocate will thoroughly assess whether these costs were prudently incurred and whether it is just and reasonable to recover these costs through increased customer rates. If in the subsequent proceeding the Consumer Advocate opposes the recovery of certain costs from customers, the Consumer Advocate will not consider that position to be inconsistent with its decision not to oppose the present *Petition*. Accordingly, the Consumer Advocate reserves all rights with respect to future proceedings.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via U.S. Mail or electronic mail upon:

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This the 24 day of 10, 2015.

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