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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 The 2016 Investment and Related Expenses Under The Qualified Infrastructure Investment Program Rider, The Economic Development Investment Rider, and The Safety and Environmental Compliance Rider, TRA Docket No. 15-00111

## Dear Chairman Hilliard:

Since the submission of Tennessee-American Water Company's ("TAWC") Petition in the above-referenced matter, TAWC and the Consumer Protection and Advocate Division of the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General ("CPAD") have been involved in cooperative discussions and have exchanged various information related to the Petition. With the recent submission of the CPAD's Testimony of William H. Novak and TAWC's submission of the Rebuttal Testimony of Linda C. Bridwell, the parties hereby jointly represent that there are no outstanding procedural matters requiring resolution by the Hearing Officer. Moreover, as demonstrated by the pre-filed 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. The parties hereby jointly request that the entire official record in this docket, including discovery, be made a part of the evidentiary record.

With the foregoing in mind, the parties hereby waive both opening statements and the live presentation of testimony, including summaries of pre-filed testimony. Further, other than follow-up and/or clarifying questions in response to questions of any witness by a TRA Director or TRA Staff, TAWC waives cross-examination of Mr. Novak, and the CAPD waives cross examination of TAWC's witnesses.

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Very truly yours,

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