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

*In Re: Joint Petition of Integrated Resource Management, Inc. and TRA Staff
(as a Party) to Increase Rates and Charges, TRA Docket No. 15-00130*

Dear Chairman Hilliard:

In order to expedite this proceeding as much as possible, the Consumer Protection and Advocate Division of the Attorney General's Office ("Consumer Advocate") is hereby informing the Authority and all Parties that it has reviewed the filings in this Docket and has no opposition to the proposed increased rates and charges. The Consumer Advocate recognizes large rate increases are difficult for consumers but would point out that this utility has not had a rate increase since it began in 2004. Furthermore, as set forth in the Joint Petition and accompanying testimony, these rates compare favorably to those of other utilities in the area.

While there may be questions about individual items in the Joint Petition, the Consumer Advocate has determined in its review that the overall rates and charges set forth by Integrated Resource Management, Inc. ("IRM") and TRA Party Staff are fair and reasonable. The Consumer Advocate appreciates the initiative of TRA Party Staff to assist IRM with its general rate case and commends its thorough review of the ratemaking issues involved. Accordingly, the Consumer Advocate does not plan to intervene in this Docket.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vance Broemel".
Vance Broemel
Senior Counsel

CC: All parties of record