

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

January 20, 2016

IN RE:

**PETITION OF KINGSPORT POWER COMPANY
D/B/A AEP APPALACHIAN POWER FOR A
GENERAL RATE CASE**

**DOCKET NO.
16-00001**

**ORDER CONVENING A CONTESTED CASE
AND APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER**

This matter came before Vice Chairman David F. Jones, Director Kenneth C. Hill and Director Robin Morrison of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on January 11, 2016 for the purpose of determining whether to convene a contested case proceeding and appoint a Hearing Officer. On January 4, 2016, Kingsport Power Company d/b/a AEP Appalachian Power ("Kingsport Power") filed a Petition requesting approval to increase its revenues. A *Petition to Intervene* was filed on January 8, 2016 by the Consumer Protection and Advocate Division of the Office of the Attorney General. Kingsport Power has not filed an objection to the *Petition to Intervene*.

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.

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

ATTEST:



Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director