

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:	May 24, 2016)	
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PETITION OF LAUREL HILLS WATER)	DOCKET NO.
SYSTEM IN RECEIVERSHIP FOR APPROVAL)	16-00012
OF ADJUSTMENT OF ITS RATES AND)	
CHARGES)	

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO STRIKE

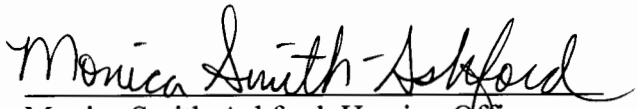
This matter came before the Hearing Officer of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (“Authority” or “TRA”) on the *Motion to Strike Letter and Attached Motion to Alter or Amend Filed on March 22, 2016, and Transcript of Proceedings, March 4, 2016* (“Motion”) filed by the Consumer Protection and Advocate Division of the Office of the Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”) on March 24, 2016. The Consumer Advocate states that the letter and attached documents and the transcript cited in its *Motion* were not filed by a party to this docket or on behalf of a party and “[a]s such, these filings are improper, unduly prejudicial, and confusing to the parties, and they obfuscate the issues presently before the TRA in this Docket No. 16-00012.”¹ The Consumer Advocate requests that the *Letter and Motion to Alter or Amend* filed on March 22, 2016 by Shiva Bozarth, Chief of the TRA Compliance Division, and the Transcript of Proceedings, March 4, 2016 filed by the Court Reporter on March 22, 2016 be stricken from the record. The Consumer Advocate argues that the Compliance Division withdrew from this docket on March 9, 2016 and is no longer a party to this docket. In addition, according to the Consumer Advocate, the subject of Mr. Bozarth’s filing “deals with legal questions that are beyond the TRA’s jurisdiction”

¹ *Motion*, p. 1 (March 24, 2016).

and “the filing at issue would serve only to confuse and obfuscate the issues before the TRA.”² In addition, the Consumer Advocate asserts the transcript of a hearing before the Chancery Court of Cumberland County on the TRA’s *Motion for Clarification* was improperly filed by the Court Reporter.

The Hearing Officer found that the Consumer Advocate’s arguments were well taken, and there was no opposition filed to the *Motion*. For these reasons, the Hearing Officer granted the Consumer Advocate’s *Motion* on April 5, 2016 and ordered the Docket Manager to remove the documents from this docket file.

IT IS SO ORDERED.


Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer

² *Id.* at 2-3.