

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**July 10, 2017**

**IN RE:**

**PETITION OF TENNESSEE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS, INC.  
FOR APPROVAL OF ADJUSTMENT OF ITS RATES AND  
NEW TARIFF**

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**DOCKET NO.  
16-00139**

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**ORDER RE-SUSPENDING TARIFF THROUGH AUGUST 15, 2017**

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This matter is before the Hearing Officer, duly authorized by the Commissioners of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“Commission” or “TPUC”) and designated by General Counsel, to administer certain preliminary issues that may arise during the preparation of this matter for hearing before the Commission. On November 29, 2016, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103 and the Rules and Regulations of the TPUC, Tennessee Wastewater Systems, Inc. (“TWSI” or the “Company”) filed a petition, along with accompanying tariffs, requesting an increase in its rates and charges because its current rates are “not sufficient for the Company to have an opportunity to recover its reasonable operating costs and to provide a fair and reasonable net operating income.”<sup>1</sup> The tariffs filed by TWSI with its *Petition* reflect an issued date of November 29, 2016 and an effective date of December 29, 2016, which was suspended by the Hearing Officer through July 10, 2017.

Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103(a) permits the Commission, pending a hearing and determination, to suspend any rate increase, change, or alteration for three months from the proposed effective date of such increase, change, or alteration, and to further extend the period of

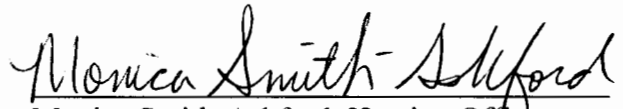
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<sup>1</sup> *Petition*, p. 2 (November 29, 2016).

suspension as will reasonably enable the Authority to complete its investigation.<sup>2</sup> Because the Commission's investigation, hearing, and final determination on the Company's proposed tariffs cannot be completed by July 10, 2017, the Hearing Officer hereby re-suspends the effectiveness of all tariffs filed by TWSI with its *Petition* through and including August 15, 2017.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

The effective date of the proposed tariffs filed by Tennessee Wastewater Systems, Inc. on November 29, 2016, is hereby suspended **through and including August 15, 2017**, or until further order of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission, whichever occurs sooner.

  
Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer

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<sup>2</sup> Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103(a) (2015).