

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

January 10, 2017

IN RE:)
)
PETITION OF TENNESSEE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS, INC.) **DOCKET NO.**
FOR APPROVAL OF ADJUSTMENT OF ITS RATES AND) **16-00139**
NEW TARIFF)

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF THROUGH MARCH 29, 2017

This matter is before the Hearing Officer, duly authorized by the Directors of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (“Authority” or “TRA”) and designated by General Counsel, to administer certain preliminary issues that may arise during the preparation of this matter for hearing before the Authority. On November 29, 2016, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103 and Rules and Regulations of the TRA, Tennessee Wastewater Systems, Inc. (“TWSI” or “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.”¹ The tariffs filed by TWSI with its *Petition* reflect an issued date of November 29, 2016 and an effective date of December 29, 2016.²

Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103(a) permits the Authority, 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

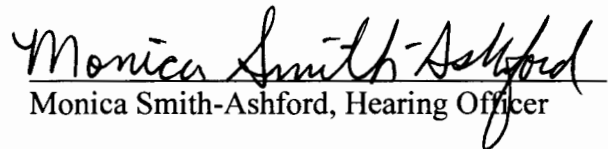
¹ *Petition*, p. 2 (November 29, 2016).

² On January 5, 2017, TWSI filed a letter indicating that it would not enforce the tariff and would consider it suspended for three months pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. §65-5-103(a).

suspension as will reasonably enable the Authority to complete its investigation.³ Because the Authority's investigation, hearing, and final determination on the Company's proposed tariff rider mechanisms has not been completed, the Hearing Officer hereby suspends the effectiveness of all tariffs filed by TWSI with its November 29, 2016 petition, through and including March 29, 2017.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The effective date of the proposed tariffs filed by Tennessee Wastewater Company, Inc. on November 29, 2016, is hereby suspended **through and including March 29, 2017**, or until further order of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority, whichever occurs sooner.


Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer

³ Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103(a) (2015).