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Hon. David Jones, Chairman  
c/o Sharla Dillon  
Tennessee Public Utility Commission  
502 Deaderick Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Nashville, TN 37243

**RE: Petition of Tennessee-American Water Company Regarding The Production Costs and Other Pass-Throughs Rider, TPUC Docket No. 16-00148**

Dear Chairman Jones:

Since the submission of Tennessee-American Water Company's ("TAWC") Petition in the above-referenced matter, TAWC and the Consumer Protection and Advocate Division of the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General ("CPAD") have been involved in cooperative discussions and have exchanged various information related to the Petition. With the recent submission of the CPAD's Testimony of William H. Novak and the determination by TAWC that it will not submit rebuttal testimony, the parties hereby jointly represent that there are no outstanding procedural matters requiring resolution by the Hearing Officer. Moreover, after considering the entire record, including TAWC's responses to discovery, and consistent with the streamlined approach contemplated in the alternative method riders approved in TPUC Docket No. 13-00130, it is the joint position of the parties that this matter is ripe for consideration on the merits by the Tennessee Public Utility Commission. At this time, there remain no outstanding disputes between the parties with respect to this Docket, as clarified by and through discovery and the parties' communications. As reflected in the Testimony of Mr. Novak, there are no contested issues between the parties on the merits of the Petition, and it is the position of the parties that this matter should be resolved in favor of the positions set forth in TAWC's Petition. Consistent with agency practice, the parties hereby jointly request that the entire official record in this docket, including discovery, be made a part of the evidentiary record.

With the foregoing in mind, unless otherwise requested by the Commission, the parties hereby waive both opening statements and the live presentation of testimony, including summaries of pre-filed testimony. TAWC Witness Bridwell and CPAD Witness Novak are available for the Hearing tentatively set for July 10, 2017. Further, other than follow-up and/or clarifying questions in response to questions of any witness by a TPUC Commissioner or TPUC Staff, TAWC waives cross-examination of Mr. Novak, and the CAPD waives cross examination

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of TAWC's witnesses. Given the posture of this matter, if practicable to the Commission, the parties would not object to this matter being heard by the Commission on May 23, 2017.

As required, an original of this filing, along with four (4) hard copies, will follow. Should you have any questions concerning this filing, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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