

TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION



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Dear Mr. Luna:

Along with our telephone conversation, I am in receipt of your August 16, 2017 e-mail requesting written consent from Commission Staff to approve a 28 day period for advertising of the RFP for Chattanooga Gas Company's ("CGC") asset manager.

The provision allowing the thirty day period to be shortened is contained on tariff page 56B of the Company's tariff, wherein it states:

The RFP shall be advertised for a minimum period of thirty (30) days through a systematic notification process that includes, at a minimum, contacting potential asset managers, including past bidders and other approved asset managers, and publication in trade journals as reasonably available. This thirty (30)-day minimum period may be shortened with the written consent of the TRA Staff to a period of not less than fifteen (15) days.

Since the current asset management contract expires March 31, 2018, it is my understanding that CGC seeks to have an approved asset management contract by the end of 2017, and that shortening the RFP advertising period by two days will better ensure this goal is met. By shortening the advertising period by two days, an RFP approved at the October 23, 2017 Commission Conference could be advertised beginning October 24, 2017, with bids due prior to the Thanksgiving Weekend. This will allow for bids to be opened prior to Thanksgiving Day and it is also my understanding that the Company will have sufficient time to evaluate and submit its analysis for asset manager selection within approximately one week, on or about Wednesday November 29, 2017.

Further, a filing by this date accompanied with CGC's complete analysis for selecting its asset manager should allow interested parties and the Commission necessary time to evaluate the filing prior to the matter being deliberated at the December 12, 2017 Commission Conference.

Absent shortening the time period by two days would result in bids due over Thanksgiving weekend and could delay CGC's filing to the point that interested parties and the Commission would not have adequate time to properly evaluate the matter prior to the December 12, 2017 Commission Conference – the last scheduled Conference in 2017.

This letter serves as written consent by the Commission Staff, pursuant to the terms in CGC's approved tariff, to shorten the RFP advertising period from thirty (30) to twenty-eight (28) days in an effort to have an asset management contract considered for approved by the end of 2017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. M. Foster". The signature is stylized with a large initial "D" and a cursive "M".

David Foster, Director
Utilities Division