

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

May 11, 2020

IN RE:)	
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TENNESSEE-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY'S)	DOCKET NO.
RESPONSE TO COMMISSION'S INVESTIGATION)	18-00039
OF IMPACTS OF FEDERAL TAX REFORM ON)	
THE PUBLIC UTILITY REVENUE)	
REQUIREMENTS)	

ORDER GRANTING *AGREED MOTION*

This matter is before the Hearing Officer of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“Commission” or “TPUC”) to consider the *Agreed Motion for Continuance and to Submit Case to Commission for “Paper” Hearing on the Merits* (“*Agreed Motion*”) filed by Tennessee-American Water Company (“TAWC”) on March 5, 2020. TAWC states in the *Agreed Motion* that the Consumer Advocate Unit in the Financial Division of the Office of the Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”) does not oppose the *Agreed Motion*.

The Hearing in the matter was scheduled for March 9, 2020, and a *Notice of Hearing* was issued on February 28, 2020. The Hearing Officer also conducted a Pre-Hearing Conference with the parties on March 3, 2020. On March 4, 2020, the Hearing Officer was asked to convene a telephone status conference with the parties to discuss a matter that had arisen regarding a new travel directive issued by American Water that would prohibit TAWC’s witness from attending the Hearing scheduled for March 9th. The parties discussed the issue and proposed a few different solutions. The Hearing Officer requested that the parties file a motion regarding the proposed solution. The parties filed the *Agreed Motion* on March 5, 2020.

In the *Agreed Motion*, the parties requested that the Hearing scheduled for March 9, 2020, be continued and that the docket be submitted to the Commission for a “paper” hearing on the merits. The parties laid out the circumstances involving the state of emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the travel ban issued by TAWC. In addition, the parties explained that contested issues presented in this docket were particularly well-suited for a resolution based on the official record in the docket file. The Hearing Officer finds the *Agreed Motion* is well taken and should be **GRANTED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monica Smith-Ashford". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Monica" being more prominent than the last name.

Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer