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Hon. Robin L. Morrison, Chairman
c/o Ectory Lawless, Docket Room Manager
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RE: *Expedited Petition of Sontara Old Hickory, Inc. for Approval of the Acquisition of the System and for the Issuance of a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity, TPUC Docket No. 19-00071*

Dear Chairman Morrison:

Since the submission of Sontara Old Hickory, Inc.'s ("Sontara") Petition in the above-referenced matter on August 14, 2019, Sontara and the Consumer Advocate Unit in the Financial Division of the Tennessee Attorney General's Office ("Consumer Advocate" or "CA") have been involved in cooperative discussions and have exchanged various information related to the Petition. With the recent submission of both the CA's Testimony of David Dittmore and Sontara's Supplemental Testimony of Jeffrey Adams, 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 Sontara's responses to discovery, it is the joint position of the parties that this matter is ripe for consideration on the merits by the Tennessee Public Utility Commission ("TPUC" or "Commission"). At this time, there remain no outstanding disputes between the parties with respect to this Docket, as clarified by and through discovery, the parties' communications and pre-filed testimony. As reflected in the Pre-filed Testimony of Mr. Dittmore and the Pre-filed Supplemental Testimony of Mr. Adams, 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 Sontara's Petition, consistent with the pre-filed testimony of the parties. 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. Sontara Witness Adams and CA Witness Dittmore will be available for the Hearing on the merits. Further, other than follow-up and/or clarifying questions

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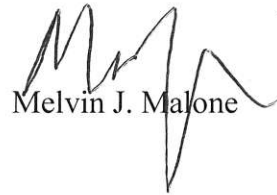
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in response to questions of any witness by a TPUC Commissioner or TPUC Staff, Sontara waives cross-examination of Mr. Dittemore, and the CA waives cross-examination of Mr. Adams.

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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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Melvin J. Malone', with a stylized, flowing script.

cc: Daniel Whitaker, Assistant Attorney General, Consumer Advocate Unit