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IN THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

IN RE:)	
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CHATTANOOGA GAS COMPANY)	
PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF ITS)	DOCKET NO. 20-00049
2019 ANNUAL RATE REVIEW)	
FILING PURSUANT TO)	
TENN. CODE ANN. § 65-5-103(d)(6))	

CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S MOTION TO COMPEL DISCOVERY

Herbert H. Slatery III, Attorney General and Reporter for the State of Tennessee, by and through the Consumer Advocate Unit in the Financial Division of the Office of the Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate"), pursuant to Tenn. R. Civ. P. 37.01 and TPUC Rule 1220-1-2-.11(9), respectfully moves the Hearing Officer for an order requiring Chattanooga Gas Company, Inc. ("CGC" or "Company") to provide complete and accurate responses to the *Consumer Advocate's First Discovery Requests to Chattanooga Gas Company*, specifically CA Request Nos. 1-56 and 1-57. As required by the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure, the parties held a meet and confer in an attempt to resolve this dispute without the need for a motion to compel. It was unsuccessful.

Through these requests, the Consumer Advocate seeks information necessary to substantiate the remarkable amount of legal costs incurred by CGC in 2019 and sought by the Company for recovery from ratepayers. While the Company has provided limited information, the responses do not provide enough details for the Consumer Advocate to analyze or test the merits of the Company's proposal to saddle its customers with the entirety of these legal bills. As discussed below in more detail, CGC has waived any privileges that may have existed, and its

objections to providing complete and accurate responses are unfounded, fail to take into account the Company's burden to prove that its costs are just and reasonable, and are contrary to law. Moreover, the Consumer Advocate tailored its discovery requests to avoid privileged topics. CGC should therefore produce the information sought by the Consumer Advocate, and the Consumer Advocate respectfully requests that the Hearing Officer issue an order to that effect.

BACKGROUND

CGC filed its first Annual Rate Review Mechanism ("ARM") filing on May 29, 2020. The Consumer Advocate began to review the filing immediately and issued its *First Discovery Requests to Chattanooga Gas Company* on June 12, 2020, to avoid unnecessary lost time given the 120-day deadline contemplated in Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103(d)(6). The Consumer Advocate then filed its *Petition to Intervene* on June 17, 2020.

Included in the first round of discovery were requests seeking to understand and justify legal costs. Through the Company's *Petition For Approval Of Its 2019 Annual Rate Review Filing*, CGC seeks to recover from ratepayers legal costs for the 2019 calendar year. CA Request No. 1-56 seeks the following:

- 56. The Company proposes to recover the entirety of legal costs and expenses for Dockets Nos. 18-00035 and 19-00047:
 - a. Provide a comprehensive narrative describing why these expenses should not be split in some fashion between ratepayers and CGC's shareholders; and
 - b. Provide support, including all relevant documents, for the legal costs incurred by outside vendors and by CGC in 2019 in the current matter and sought for recovery.

In a similar vein, CA Request No. 1-57 seeks as follows:

57. Produce all legal invoices and similar documents incurred in 2019 from outside vendors. The documents should be provided in a way that identifies the following:

- a. The corresponding docket(s) that the invoice relates to;
- b. The general nature of work provided on the docket (note that to the extent that the attorney-client privilege may apply, this request does not seek privileged information. In instances where some information may be privileged, that information may be redacted so long as a general description of the work performed is included); and
- c. The billed amount/cost of the work performed in total and on an hourly basis.

Both requests elicit information related to costs that CGC seeks to recover from ratepayers. But in responding, CGC relies on several improper objections, including in various forms that the requests are not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, that the requests call for legal opinion or analysis, that the information is covered by the work product doctrine, and that the information is protected on the basis of the attorney-client privilege. As discussed below, CGC's arguments must fail: 1) the Company has waived any privilege that may have existed; 2) its objections fall short of providing blanket protection over these documents; 3) the Consumer Advocate has written the requests in a manner that respects the attorney-client relationship; and 4) the Company must produce the documents if it seeks to recover such costs from ratepayers.

On July 1, 2020, the Consumer Advocate submitted a letter to CGC's counsels of record outlining its concerns with these discovery responses.² The Consumer Advocate reaffirmed that information could be redacted if it risked giving away the Company's legal strategies or placed CGC at a disadvantage. CGC, however, has indicated it is unwilling to provide responsive

¹ CGC has also provided a confidential attachment that, while it cannot be discussed in a public filing pursuant to the *Protective Order*, is referenced publicly by CGC and the Consumer Advocate contends does not alleviate the deficiencies in CGC's responses.

² See Exhibit A, Consumer Advocate's Letter to Counsel re: Discovery Deficiencies.

documents, including redacted legal invoices, without an order from the Hearing Officer compelling it to do so.

ANALYSIS

In response to the Consumer Advocate's Request Nos. 1-56 and 1-57, CGC seeks to withhold documents that would allow the Consumer Advocate to make its case on behalf of consumers related to the legal costs the Company seeks for recovery, as well as to deny the Commission an opportunity to conduct a meaningful review of these costs and determine whether they are reasonable and prudent. As CGC bears the burden of proving that its costs are reasonable and prudently incurred, it must submit documents in a manner that justifies these costs rather than simply submitting sums carte blanche and requesting blanket Commission approval.³

I. CGC WAIVED ANY PRIVILEGE OVER DOCUMENTS IT SEEKS TO WITHHOLD AND, EVEN IF THE PRIVILEGE HAD NOT BEEN WAIVED, THE COMPANY HAS FAILED TO CARRY ITS BURDEN OF PROVING THAT A PRIVILEGE EXISTS.

CGC relies on work product doctrine and attorney-client privilege arguments in withholding documents responsive to these requests. But these contentions are incorrect. "[W]hether the attorney-client privilege applies to any particular communication is necessarily question, topic and case specific." Therefore, documents do not automatically fall under the category of privileged information. Rather, "[t]o successfully invoke the attorney-client privilege, the party asserting the privilege is obligated to establish the communications were

³ The Company also makes factual assertions that its general counsel reviews outside legal invoices for reasonableness and prudence and contends that this is sufficient to prove that these costs are appropriate for recovery. Such a contention by CGC is nothing more than a request to have its own unilateral review rubberstamped by TPUC.

⁴ See infra Bryan, 848 S.W.2d at 80.

made pursuant to the attorney-client relationship and with the intention that the communications remain confidential."⁵

But CGC has not established these elements. In fact, CGC has failed even to produce a privilege log to set forth the scope and content of materials it seeks to protect.⁶ It is thus impossible for the Consumer Advocate or the Commission to examine in any meaningful way the extent to which any information could be privileged. In the Company's discovery responses, the types of documents withheld are not described, the potential prejudice faced by CGC upon disclosure is not expressed, and the number of documents withheld is not given. The responses simply do not contain the requisite information necessary for CGC to meet its burden of proof.

Moreover, even absent CGC's failure to meet its burden, the attorney-client privilege can be – and in fact has been – waived. As discussed in *State v. Bryan*:

- [A] party asserting the attorney-client privilege has impliedly waived it through the party's own affirmative conduct where three conditions exist:
 - (1) assertion of the privilege was a result of some affirmative act, such as filing suit, by the asserting party;
 - (2) through this affirmative act, the asserting party put the protected information at issue by making it relevant to the case; and
 - (3) application of the privilege would have denied the opposing party access to information vital to his [or her] defense.⁷

Here, all three prongs are satisfied, and the Company has thus waived its ability to claim the attorney-client privilege and protect the documents from disclosure. First, CGC's assertion of

⁵ State ex. rel. Flowers v. Tenn. Trucking Ass'n Self Ins. Grp. Tr., 209 S.W.3d 602, 616 (Tenn. Ct. App. 2006) (citing Bryan v. State, 848 S.W.2d 72, 80 (Tenn. Crim. App. 1992); Smith County Educ. Ass'n v. Anderson, 676 S.W.2d 328, 333 (Tenn. 1984)).

⁶ See Tenn. R. Civ. P. 26.02(5) ("When a party withholds information otherwise discoverable under the rules by claiming that it is privileged or subject to protection as trial preparation material, the party shall make the claim expressly and shall describe the nature of the documents, communications, or things not produced or disclosed in a manner that, without revealing information itself privileged or protected, will enable other parties to assess the applicability of the privilege protection.")

⁷ Bryan v. State, 848 S.W.2d 72, 81 (Tenn. Crim. App. 1992)

the privilege stemmed from an affirmative act when it filed its *Petition* with this Commission seeking to increase its rates to consumers and recover from consumers its legal costs for the 2019 calendar year. Next, by seeking to recover from ratepayers the entirety of its 2019 legal costs – to which the documents (*e.g.*, legal invoices) CGC now seeks to shield from production are directly related – the Company has put the alleged protected information squarely at issue. And last, if CGC were to prevail in its assertion of the privilege, the Consumer Advocate would be unable to provide positions concerning whether these costs were reasonable, whether they were prudently incurred, or whether there should be any cost-sharing between CGC's shareholders and ratepayers. Simply put, it is hard to imagine a better example of waiver of the attorney-client privilege under the *Bryan* test.

Concerning the work product doctrine, Tenn. R. Civ. P. 26.02(3) requires the following:

a party may obtain discovery of documents and tangible things otherwise discoverable under subdivision (1) of this rule and prepared in anticipation of litigation or for trial by or for another party or by or for that other party's representative (including an attorney, consultant, surety, indemnitor, insurer, or agent) only upon a showing that the party seeking discovery has substantial need of the materials in the preparation of the case and is unable without undue hardship to obtain the substantial equivalent of the materials by other means.⁸

First, CGC has failed to establish that the legal invoices and other responsive documents are protected or were prepared in anticipation of litigation. Rather, the documents are evidence pertaining to whether the costs incurred by CGC and sought for recovery from ratepayers are reasonable and prudent. Even so, pursuant to the Rule, the Consumer Advocate has established that it has a substantial need to receive these materials because they relate to costs sought by

⁸ The Rule continues that "[i]n ordering discovery of such materials when the required showing has been made, the court shall protect against disclosure of the mental impressions, conclusions, opinions, or legal theories of an attorney or other representative of a party concerning the litigation." The Consumer Advocate has tailored its discovery request to consider that where some information may entail "mental impressions, conclusions, opinions, or legal theories of an attorney or other representative of a party concerning the litigation," this information may be redacted.

CGC for recovery from ratepayers, and the only means by which the Consumer Advocate can carry out its statutory duty to represent ratepayers' interests is to review these documents. Without legal invoices and similar documents, the Consumer Advocate has no other way of examining the specific costs and presenting an argument for consideration by TPUC.

It is noteworthy that the Consumer Advocate's requests do not seek unbridled access to CGC's legal invoices and other responsive documents. The Consumer Advocate explicitly stated in Request No. 1-57(b) that "this request does not seek privileged information" and "[i]n instances where some information may be privileged, that information may be redacted so long as a general description of the work performed is included." In other words, the Consumer Advocate proposed that CGC withhold information that may give away its legal strategies or otherwise place the Company at a disadvantage. The request is tailored to seek only enough information to allow the Consumer Advocate to test the merits of CGC's proposal to recover all legal costs from ratepayers. Any disadvantage otherwise faced by CGC upon turning over these documents is nullified. The Company must produce its legal invoices and other documents responsive to the request.

II. THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE'S REQUESTS ARE PROPER, AND EVEN IF CGC'S OBJECTIONS WERE NOT WAIVED, THEY LACK MERIT.

Even if CGC had preserved its privilege claims, the Company is still required to produce the information. The Consumer Advocate's requests are proper, supported by Tennessee law, and reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence, as demonstrated by the Company's attempts to recover all of its 2019 legal expenses from ratepayers.

CGC wields its objections to discovery in this matter as both a sword and shield. On one hand, the Company refuses to provide legal invoices and other responsive documents to justify

⁹ The Consumer Advocate reaffirmed this position in its July 1 letter to the Company.

the legal costs it incurred in 2019 and seeks to recover from ratepayers. But at the same time, CGC attempts to make a blanket claim that all legal expenses incurred in 2019 were reasonable, prudently incurred, and fully recoverable from consumers. CGC's responses further fail to reflect the Company's status as a regulated utility, the Consumer Advocate's statutory duty to represent Tennessee consumers, and the Commission's authority over the public utilities it regulates.

A. Tennessee's discovery rules and cases permit and even encourage broad discovery.

Tennessee R. Civ. P. 26.02 allows for broad discovery. Specifically, the Rule provides:

Parties may obtain discovery regarding any matter, not privileged, which is relevant to the subject matter involved in the pending action, whether it relates to the claim or defense of the party seeking discovery or to the claim or defense of any other party, including the existence, description, nature, custody, condition and location of any books, documents, or other tangible things and electronically stored information, i.e. information that is stored in an electronic medium and is retrievable in perceivable form, and the identity and location of persons having knowledge of any discoverable matter. It is not ground for objection that the information sought will be inadmissible at the trial if the information sought appears reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. ¹⁰

Perhaps the most important underlying policy of discovery is "that discovery should enable the parties and the courts to seek the truth so that disputes will be decided by facts rather than by legal maneuvering." Discovery should allow both the court and the parties to "have an intelligent grasp of the issues to be litigated and knowledge of the facts underlying them." Accordingly, "[a] party seeking discovery is entitled to obtain information about any matter, not

¹⁰ Tenn. R. Civ. P. § 26.02 (emphasis added). While the rule contemplate objections based on privilege, that item has already been addressed in the previous pages.

¹¹ White v. Vanderbilt Univ., 21 S.W.3d 215, 223 (Tenn. Ct. App. 1999).

¹² Vythoulkas v. Vanderbilt Univ. Hosp., 693 S.W.2d 350, 356 (Tenn. Ct. App. 1985) (internal citations omitted), superseded on other grounds by statute, Tenn. R. Civ. P. 26.02(4)(B), as recognized in West v. Schofield, 460 S.W.3d 113, 125 (Tenn. 2015).

privileged, which is relevant to the subject matter involved, whether it relates to the claim or defense of the party seeking discovery or to the claim or defense of any other party."¹³

Consistent with Tennessee's open discovery policy, the relevancy requirement is "construed broadly to encompass any matter that bears on, or that reasonably could lead to other matters that could bear on any of the case's issues." Further, discovery is not limited to the issues raised by the pleadings. A party may also use discovery to: define and clarify the issues; formulate and interject additional issues into the case; determine additional causes of actions or claims against a party or a third-party; or probe a variety of fact-oriented issues unrelated to the merits of the case. Because of this broad policy favoring discovery, limitations on discovery should not be ordered unless the party opposing discovery can demonstrate with more than conclusory statements and generalizations that the requested discovery limitations are necessary to protect the party from annoyance, embarrassment, oppression, or undue burden and expense. As a general matter, the rules favor the production of the requested information in all cases where the request is reasonable.

B. The Consumer Advocate's discovery requests are reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible, material evidence.

When filing expert testimony, especially of positions involving the establishment of rates, the Consumer Advocate is careful to provide enough background and information to allow the Commission to fully analyze the consumers' position. By presenting a detailed position describing what the Consumer Advocate reviewed and how it arrived at its position, the

¹³ State ex. rel. Flowers v. Tenn. Trucking Ass'n Self Ins. Grp. Tr., 209 S.W.3d 602, 615 (Tenn. Ct. App. 2006) (internal citations omitted).

¹⁴ Kuehne & Nagel, Inc. v. Preston, Skahan & Smith Int'l, Inc., 2002 WL 1389615, at *3 (Tenn. Ct. App. June 27, 2002) (internal citations omitted).

¹⁵ Id.; see also Shipley v. Tenn. Farmers Mut. Ins. Co., 1991 WL 77540, at *7-*8 (Tenn. Ct. App. May 15, 1991).

¹⁶ Shipley, 1991 WL 77540 at *7-8.

¹⁷ Duncan, 789 S.W.2d at 561.

¹⁸ Kuehne & Nagel, Inc., 2002 WL 1389615 at *4.

Consumer Advocate believes it is not only representing consumers to the fullest extent possible but also providing a useful framework for TPUC as it works to decide the outcome of the matter. As is the case here, the Consumer Advocate issues discovery and may submit testimony regarding the merits of a public utility's case and testing the validity of its requests. It should be noted that the discovery process is the principal procedural vehicle available to the Consumer Advocate to gather evidence and conduct analysis prior to the hearing in a matter.

In the context of this Docket, CGC seeks to adjust its rates for the first time under the ARM established in TPUC Docket No. 19-00047. Because an ARM is comprehensive in nature, these filings are akin in many respects to a general rate case. With the exception of the rate of return on equity, public utilities with an existing ARM can adjust their rates to guarantee their authorized rate of return. This entails a multitude of components, including in this case the legal costs incurred by CGC in 2019.

CGC therefore made legal costs an issue in this filing by seeking to recover these costs in their entirety. "It is through discovery that parties openly mine 'to find the truth and to prepare for the disposition of the case in favor of the party who is justly deserving of a judgment." The Consumer Advocate's discovery requests are directly tied to the needs of this case. And while the Consumer Advocate is the party attempting to access these documents via discovery, it is actually the Company that bears the burden of proving that its legal costs are reasonable and prudently incurred, and the Commission likewise needs this information for inclusion in its analysis and written order.

In Tennessee-American Water Company v. TRA, the Court was tasked with determining whether the Commission could split rate case expenses, including legal expenses, between

¹⁹ Kuehne & Nagel, Inc., 2002 WL 1389615 at *3 (citing Irving Kaufman, Judicial Control Over Discovery, 28 F.R.D. 111, 125 (1962)).

shareholders and ratepayers.²⁰ While the Court eventually found in favor of the public utility bringing the appeal, it provided the following discussion in doing so:

However, the record and Final Order are devoid of the foregoing accusations made by the TRA about TAWC. The record and Final Order do not explain what specific expenses the TRA deemed unnecessary, improvident, or improper or that the Authority closely examined the costs associated with the rate case to determine the portion to be recovered from rate payers and the portion to be born by the shareholders. Such an examination should have taken place and its results included in the record and Final Order. Based on the lack of such findings, the TRA's decision to only include one half of the cost of the rate case in the rate was arbitrary. Accordingly, we reverse the Commission [sic] of the TRA on this issue and award TAWC the full amount of its proposed rate case expenses.²¹

Therefore, the Court did not hold that such expenses must be borne by ratepayers without fail. Instead, the Court indicated that the final order should have included "specific expenses the TRA deemed unnecessary, improvident, or improper" In fact, the Court went so far as to affirm that "[s]uch an examination should have taken place" The specific expenses contemplated by the *Tennessee-American* Court are precisely what the Consumer Advocate seeks in these discovery requests. Not only are these documents relevant, they are *required* for CGC to prove that it should recover all or a portion of these costs.

One example illustrating the importance of the provision of legal invoices and other responsive documents lies in CGC's response to Request No. 1-57. The Company indicated that "dockets CGC outside counsel worked on included, but are not limited to . . . [TPUC Docket No.] 18-00032" That Docket was a show cause proceeding brought by the Commission's Gas Pipeline Safety Division ("GPSD"), which cited CGC for 18 violations of federal and state regulations. Ultimately, CGC and GPSD entered into a settlement agreement whereby, among other items, CGC incurred civil penalties and was required to contribute \$50,000 to the

²⁰ 2011 WL 334678 (Tenn. Ct. App. Jan. 28, 2011).

²¹ Id. at 27. (Emphasis added).

Tennessee Gas Association.²² Importantly, the *Order* included that "[e]xpenses incurred by CGC for payment of the civil penalty or to TGA or the legal costs incurred by CGC associated with the Inspection Evaluation are not recoverable from Tennessee ratepayers."²³ As CGC's response in the current docket indicates that outside counsel provided legal work – and presumptively bills – the Consumer Advocate must be able to ensure that ratepayers are not paying the associated costs through their rates. And this is only one example of the Consumer Advocate's need to review the documents it seeks in Request Nos. 1-56 and 1-57. These documents must be provided to test the merits of CGC's filing and provide an opportunity for the Consumer Advocate and Commission to conduct other similar analysis.

C. While CGC may contest issues through its rebuttal testimony, the Consumer Advocate must be allowed to make its case.

In the responses CGC did provide to these discovery requests, it makes legal and factual assertions to bolster its argument that it must be allowed to recover the entirety of these costs.

But CGC then seeks – through its objections – to deny the Consumer Advocate its ability to challenge recovery of any portion of these costs.

If the Consumer Advocate – upon reviewing the specific expenses sought for recovery by CGC – seeks to challenge these costs, such an argument is not a novel one. Other state regulators likewise deal with this issue. For instance, the Virginia Supreme Court established in *Lake of Woods Utility Company v. State Corporation Commission* that while the Commission cannot use its power to, in effect, manage a utility, it has a "reasonable discretion to disallow any part of expenses incurred where the evidence shows such expenses are exorbitant, unnecessary,

²² Order Approving Settlement Agreement, TPUC Docket No. 18-00032 (January 24, 2019).

²³ *Id.* at 4. (Emphasis added).

wasteful, or extravagant."²⁴ Accordingly, costs can be eliminated from an award of rate case expenses when the public utility seeking to recover them fails to sufficiently justify them through evidence and other documents.²⁵ Rate case expenses can also be disallowed if the requested amount appears incongruent with the needs of the litigated case.²⁶ In Kentucky, that Commission similarly grants recovery of reasonable rate case expenses as necessary costs of doing business but also disallows costs when disproportionate to the litigation, poorly documented, or improper on a procedural basis.²⁷ And in Missouri, that state's regulator has adopted a 50/50 sharing of rate case expenses (excluding the costs of Commission required notice), to incentivize better cost management.²⁸

By seeking legal invoices and other relevant documents, the Consumer Advocate is not seeking to limit CGC's arguments concerning the recovery of costs (as CGC seeks to limit the Consumer Advocate's potential to lodge an argument). And the treatments of legal expenses prescribed by other states are not listed in this *Motion* to prove at this stage that some or all costs

²⁴ See 286 S.E.2d 201, 206 (Va. 1982) (citing Norfolk v. Chesapeake and Potomac Tel. Co. of Virginia, 64 S.E.2d 772, 783–84 (Va. 1951)).

²⁵ See Application of Caroline Water Co., Inc. d/b/a Ladysmith Water Co., No. PUE200200094, 2004 WL 3512765, at *13 (Va. State Corp. Comm'n Sept. 24, 2004) (holding that one third of expenses should be eliminated when awarding rate case expenses because the utility had little supporting evidence).

²⁶ See Application of Skyline Water Co., Inc., No. PUE-2005-00039, 2006 WL 684192 (Va. State Corp. Comm'n Mar. 8, 2006) (holding that even if the requested fees were truly incurred when litigating, the award should be reduced because "ratepayers cannot be the guarantors of whatever the Company might choose to spend for rate case expense.")

²⁷ See Elec. Application of Monroe Cty. Water Dist. for Rate Adjustment Pursuant to 807 Kar 5:076, No. 2017-00070, 2018 WL 471836, at *9 (Ky. Pub. Serv. Comm'n Jan. 12, 2018); see also Proposed Adjustment of the Wholesale Water Serv. Rates of City of Danville, No. 2014-00392, 2015 WL 4881844, at *4 (Ky. Pub. Serv. Comm'n Aug. 13, 2015) (denying rate case expenses when the city failed to both properly amend its application and give notification of intent to recover via surcharges on customers); Proposed Adjustment of the Wholesale Serv. Rates of Hopkinsville Water Env't Auth., No. 2009-00373, 2010 WL 2708159, at *7 (Ky. Pub. Serv. Comm'n July 2, 2010) (disallowing requested rate case expenses when legal expenses and special counsel fees near doubled that of previous cases because they were disproportionate to needs of the case); Proposed Adjustment of the Wholesale Water Serv. Rates of Frankfort Elec. & Water Plant Bd., No. 2008-00250, 2009 WL 9041191, at *4-5 (Ky. Pub. Serv. Comm'n Apr. 6, 2009) (holding that rate case expenses were not permitted when plant board failed to provide detailed invoices because it bore the burden of demonstrating the reasonableness of the expenses).

²⁸ See Laclede Gas Company's Request to Increase Its Revenues for Gas Serv. in the Matter of the Laclede Gas Co. d/b/a Missouri Gas Energy's Request to Increase Its Revenues for Gas Serv., No. GR-2017-0215, 2018 WL 1315107, at *34-35 (Mo. Pub. Serv. Comm'n Feb. 21, 2018).

should be excluded; this is a motion to compel discovery, not a summary judgment motion. Instead, the Consumer Advocate would show only that the issue is appropriate for consideration by this Commission and requests the means to assess this regulated public utility's request.

Other public utilities in Tennessee have provided the information sought here by the Consumer Advocate. While the Consumer Advocate has identified examples of such documents filed under various protective orders and therefore improper for disclosure publicly in this proceeding, the Consumer Advocate has located a set of detailed legal invoices filed publicly with the Commission. In TPUC Docket No. 12-00030, Commission Staff issued a data request to a utility company for information related to attorneys' fees. The utility submitted detailed legal invoices for TPUC Staff's review with some information believed to be privileged redacted, just as the Consumer Advocate has requested in this proceeding.²⁹ The utility company in that proceeding correctly recognized that such documents should be submitted. CGC must follow suit.

CONCLUSION

CGC waived any privilege claims that may have existed over legal invoices and other similar responsive documents by bringing this action and seeking to recover the costs from ratepayers. Even if the Company had not done so, the Company must support its request and meet its burden of proof to justify these costs. Further, the Consumer Advocate's requests are appropriate and conform with Tennessee's law favoring the broad provision of information.

Therefore, the Consumer Advocate respectfully requests that the Hearing Officer grant this *Motion to Compel Discovery* and order CGC to withdraw any surviving objections and to

²⁹ Exhibit B, Response of Branstetter, Stranch, and Jennings to Staff Data Requests, TPUC Docket No. 12-00030 (February 8, 2013) (publicly available at http://share.tn.gov/tra/orders/2012/1200030bv.pdf).

provide complete and accurate responses, including legal invoices and other similar documents, in response to CA Request Nos. 1-56 and 1-57.

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Re: TPUC Docket No. 20-00049, Chattanooga Gas Company's Responses to the Consumer Advocate's First Set of Discovery Requests

Dear Messrs. Self and Luna:

I hope that you are well. I write to address certain deficiencies in Chattanooga Gas Company, Inc.'s ("CGC" or "Company") Responses and Objections to the First Discovery Request of the Consumer Advocate. It is my hope that we can work together to remedy these deficiencies without the need to bring a discovery dispute to the Hearing Officer in this matter.

As you know, the Consumer Advocate Unit in the Financial Division of the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate") issued its First Set of Discovery Requests to Chattanooga Gas Company on June 12, 2020. Pursuant to the Procedural Schedule in place, CGC filed its responses on June 23, 2020. I would like to note that the Company responded to many discovery requests and also indicated it did not object to the Consumer Advocate issuing more than forty requests in the first round of discovery. While the subject of this letter concerns deficiencies in two of the responses to those items, I would be remiss if I did not also include our thanks for the work you and your client put into responding to the majority of these items.

As further explained below, the Consumer Advocate requests that CGC review the concerns outlined in this letter and supplement its responses and production of documents pertaining to two items – Nos. 1-56 and 1-57. We request this supplementation by close of

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business Monday, July 6, 2020, in order to address this situation promptly and avoid the Consumer Advocate filing a motion to compel discovery.

Request No. 1-56

Request No. 1-56 seeks the following information:

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 - a. Provide a comprehensive narrative describing why these expenses should not be split in some fashion between ratepayers and CGC's shareholders; and
 - b. Provide support, including all relevant documents, for the legal costs incurred by outside vendors and by CGC in 2019 in the current matter and sought for recovery.

CGC objected to this request, accusing the item of being "a thinly veiled request for CGC's legal opinion" and for calling for CGC to provide "a different regulatory treatment that would be contrary to Tennessee law." It is not. Rather, as with many other requests to which the Company did respond, the Consumer Advocate simply requested CGC to provide justification for the regulatory treatment it requests this Commission to approve and for the corresponding portion of rates it seeks to charge ratepayers.

CGC also objected to subpart (b) on the basis of the attorney-client privilege and the attorney work product privilege.¹ First, while CGC lodged its objection based on the attorney-client privilege, it failed to comply with the Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure when it failed to provide a privilege log.² Doing so is necessary for a requesting party and/or a tribunal to assess the merits of the assertion.

But even if a privilege log had been provided, this would not cure the deficiency in the responses. The Company can easily provide some information that is responsive to the request while maintaining certain information as confidential. For ease of reference, we will discuss this topic along with the points provided below.

Notwithstanding the objection, CGC indicated that some responsive information would be presented in the Company's Confidential Attachment to Response No. 1-57.

² Tenn. R. Civ. P. 20.02(5) ("When a party withholds information otherwise discoverable under the rules by claiming that it is privileged or subject to protection as trial preparation material, the party shall make the claim expressly and shall describe the nature of the documents, communications, or things not produced or disclosed in a manner that, without revealing information itself privileged or protected, will enable other parties to assess the applicability of the privilege protection.")

Request No. 1-57

In a similar vein to Request No. 1-56, Request No. 1-57 seeks the following:

- 1-57. Produce all legal invoices and similar documents incurred in 2019 from outside vendors. The documents should be provided in a way that identifies the following:
 - a. The corresponding docket(s) that the invoice relates to:
 - b. The general nature of work provided on the docket (note that to the extent that the attorney-client privilege may apply, this request does not seek privileged information. In instances where some information may be privileged, that information may be redacted so long as a general description of the work performed is included); and
 - c. The billed amount/cost of the work performed in total and on an hourly basis.

Again, CGC provided objections based on the attorney-client privilege and attorney work product privilege. The Company failed to note, however, that the request – as drafted by the Consumer Advocate – contemplates that some information would be redacted on these grounds. In order to carry its burden of proof to recover these expenses – just as it would with any other expenses – some information detailing and justifying the expenditures must be provided.

For example, while the topic of a letter from the attorney to a client may be deemed confidential and thus redacted, the amount of time that the attorney billed to draft the letter along with a generic description that does not give away the substantive information held in confidence between attorney and client should be provided. Moreover, as CGC is a regulated public utility that has appeared before the Commission in numerous dockets (including, for example, a show cause proceeding brought by TPUC related to compliance with pipeline safety regulations), it is imperative that CGC provide the related docket to which the costs were incurred in order to test whether the costs were reasonable and prudently incurred.

Therefore, please provide responsive documents, including but not limited to the detailed invoices or bills sent by CGC's outside counsels to the Company with privileged information redacted to allow the Consumer Advocate to make a proposal and the Commission to make a determination of whether the costs were reasonable and prudently incurred.

Conclusion

We request that you remedy these deficiencies by providing full and complete responses to the items outlined above as soon as possible, but by no later than close-of-business on

Letter to Counsel for CGC Page 4 July 1, 2020

Monday, July 6, 2020, so we may avoid the necessity of filing a motion to compel discovery with the Commission. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

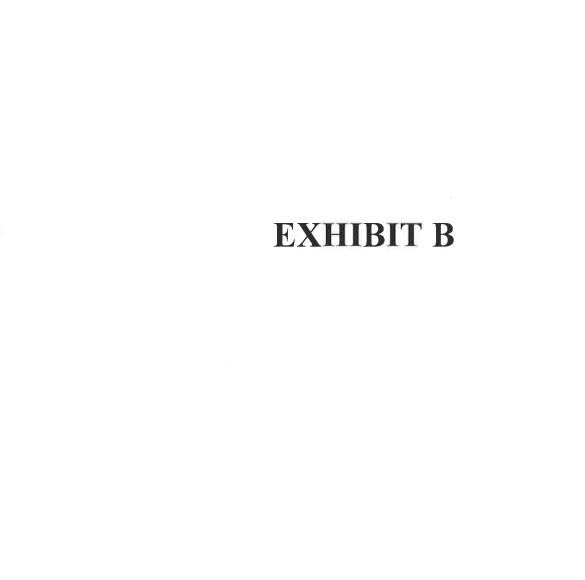
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February 8, 2013

Ms. Sharla Dillon Docket Room Manager Tennessee Regulatory Authority 460 James Robertson Parkway Nashville, TN 37243-0505

Via Hand Delivery

Re:

Petition of Laurel Hills Condominiums Property Owners Association for a

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

Docket No. 12-00030

Dear Sharla:

I have enclosed an original and five copies of the Response of Branstetter, Stranch & Jennings to Staff Data Requests.

This Response and this cover letter are being filed electronically by electronic mail this same date. Please return the additional copy of the Response stamp filed to me.

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Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

BENJAMIN A. GASTEL

Enclosure

Shiva Bozarth

John J. Baroni Melanie Davis

Robert Schwerer

Michael McClung

IN THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

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IN RE:)	
PETITION OF LAUREL HILLS)	
CONDOMINIUMS PROPERTY OWNERS)	DOCKET NO. 12-00030
ASSOCIATION FOR A CERTIFICATE)	
OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND)	
NECESSITY		

BRANSTETTER, STRANCH, & JENNINGS RESPONSE TO STAFF DATA REQUESTS

On January 31, 2013, Branstetter, Stranch, and Jennings, PLLC ("BSJ") received a staff data request in the above-identified docket seeking information related to the attorney's fees incurred by the Petitioner in prosecution of its Petition. This is BSJ's response to that request.

Attached as Exhibit A is the fees billed and unbilled through January 31, 2013 in the matter along with narratives associated with the work performed by each time keeper. Where necessary, narratives have been redacted to preserve attorney-client and work-product privileges. Also attached as Exhibit B is a similar spreadsheet for fees billed and unbilled to Laurel Hills for ongoing legal matters including two pending cases in Cumberland County.

The time keepers that have worked on these matters include attorneys Benjamin Gastel and Don Scholes and paralegal Ryan Cheng.

Staff also requested that BSJ provide an estimate on anticipated fees to conclude the proceeding. BSJ anticipates expending at least \$12,000 more in time, representing approximately 50 hours for Mr. Gastel and 15 hours for Mr. Scholes in finalizing this proceeding. This is a reasonable estimation given that Mr. Gastel has already expended 10 hours of time so far in February (and not captured on the attached spreadsheets which only go through January 31) and Mr. Scholes plans on attending and participating in the hearing scheduled for

February 13. Significant amounts of time will also likely be devoted to drafting and editing the post-hearing briefs currently anticipated under the current Pre-Hearing Order.

For the TRA's convenience, the below chart summarizes BSJ's fees and expenses:

	TRA Pr	oceeding	Other	Matters
Billed Fees	\$	35,305.00	\$	52,700.00
Unbilled Fees	\$	3,135.00	\$	435.00
Expenses	\$	605.39	\$	1,216.18
Anticipated	\$	12,000.00		
Total	\$	51,045.39		\$ 53,135.00

This information is gleaned from the amounts reflected in Exhibits A and B.

DATED: February 8, 2013

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

DONALD L. SCHOLES BENJAMIN A. GASTEL

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227 Second Avenue North

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and exact copy of the foregoing was served upon the following via United States Mail:

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This the 8th day of February, 2013

Benjamin A. Gastel

EX. A BSJ Response to Staff Data Request

	12400	¥ 4	egulatory F	TRA Regulatory Proceeding				
Matter Da	Date	Timek Bill		Hours	Rate	Amount		Narrative
12400 07	12400 07/16/2012	BG	47953	1.40	\$150.00	(A)	210.00	Confer with TRA regarding CCN process and show cause hearing: confer with counsel regarding same: review TN pules
12400 07/19/2012		S	47953	1 00	\$300 00		300 00	regarding appellate procedure; draft memo to client regarding same Prenare Notice of Reinstatement and finalize temporary tariff. Call with Gren Longe on Chancellors, etatements in
12400 07		G	47953	0.30	\$100.00		30.00	Community Club case; Conference with Ben Gastel about next steps to take on TRA Petition proceeding Prepare Notice and cover letter for filing at TRA. Fimal to Sharla Dillo to
12400 07/26/2012		BG	47953	3.50	\$150.00	S	525.00	Draft and edit amended petition; draft and edit amended tariff; confer with TRA counsel regarding petition; confer with
70 0070		(47053	1	200		200	counsel regarding same; research regarding standard terms and conditions regarding water service tariffs
12400 07/30/2012		9 G	47953	1.90	\$150.00	A 69	285.00	Confer with client regarding case status, draft and edit amended complaint. Draft and edit amended netition: review documents from client reparding same: confer with Robert York reparding
- 3				-11				outstanding bill to Crab Orchard Utility District; confer with counsel regarding case status
12400 07/31/2012	- 1	DLS	47953	2 00	\$300.00	69 B		Revise Amended Petition for CCN and tariff for filling
2400 00		ם ם	85.104	05.1	\$150.00		195.00	Conter with client regarding changes to amended petition, correspondence with TRA regarding case status and filing of amended petition; draft and edit proposed agreed order for case pending in Cumberland County Chancery Court; confer
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12400 08/03/2012	- 1	DLS	48139	1.00	\$300.00	₩ 6		Finalize amended petition for certificate and proposed tariff
12400 08/06/2012		59	48139	1.20	\$150.00		180.00	Draft and edit correspondence to Roger York; review correspondence from Laurel Hills; confer with counsel regarding cas status
12400 08/07/2012		BG	48139	1.70	\$150.00	₩	255.00	Review correspondence from TRA; confer with counsel regarding same; finalize and send letter to Roger York; review
								materials sent from Michael McClung, review TRA process for responding to data requests; confer with counsel for TRA regarding status of petition: review ioint motion and order to stay show cause hearing
12400 08	2400 08/13/2012	BG	48306	0.20	\$150.00	S		Review TRA hearing docket: confer with counsel regarding same
12400 08/15/2012		BG	48139	0.30	\$150.00	(s)		Confer with TRA regarding status conference
12400 08/16/2012		DLS	48139	0.20	\$300.00			E-mail with Ben Gastel on status of discovery and staff request
12400 08	12400 08/17/2012	BG	48139	0.80	\$150.00		120.00	Review letter from Crab Orchard; confer with counsel regarding same; confer with TRA regarding data requests, status conference, and Crab Orchard letter; draft and edit letter back to Crab Orchard utility district
12400 08	12400 08/20/2012	BG	48139	0.30	\$150.00	€9	45.00	Confer with TRA counsel regarding payments to Crab Orchard Utility District
12400 08/21/2012		BG	48139	1.50	\$150.00	Ø		Draft and edit letter to Melanie Davis regarding pending docket setting in Cumberland County; confer with client
								regarding case status; review letter from Crab Orchard counsel; research TN law regarding termination of service to a Major nowing special properties of service to a Major nowing the properties of the confermination of services to a major nowing the confermination of services to a major now the confermination of services the conferminatio
12400 08/22/2012		BG	48306	1.20	\$150.00	69	180.00	Confer with client regarding TRA hearing and status of hearing: review correspondence from Melanie Davis: confer with
								counsel regarding same; review customers
2400 08	12400 08/23/2012	BG	48139	3.40	\$150.00	69	510.00	Prepare for, travel to and from, and attend TRA scheduling hearing, draft and edit proposed stipulation with customer
								intervenors, draft and edit correspondence; review previous TRA data requests; confer with counsel regarding same
2400 08	2400 08/23/2012	DLS	48139	2.20	\$300.00	₩	00.099	Attend scheduling conference at TRA; E-mails and conference with Ben Gastel on preparing pre-filed testimony for Mike McClung and what this involves
2400 08	12400 08/27/2012	DLS	48139	2.30	\$300.00	€9	00.069	Revise Stipulation; Review Melanie Davis' response to Stipulation; E-mails and calls with counsel for all of the parties on
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12400 00/21/2012		מים מים	40109	0.40	\$100.00	A 6	40,00	Prepare Certificate of Service on Stipulation and Cover letter to Sharia Dillon
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2400 08	12400 08/29/2012	STO	48139	5.60	\$300.00		1,680.00	Prepare Response to TRA Staff Information Reguest and prepare pre-filed testimony for Mike McClung
12400 08/30/2012		DLS	48139	5.30	\$300.00	S		Prepare Response to TRA Staff Information Request and prepare pre-filed testimony for Mike McClung; E-mails with Mike McClung on Response
12400 08/30/2012		DLS	48139	3.30	\$300.00		990.00	Prepare Response to TRA Staff Information Request and prepare pre-filed testimony for Mike McClung
12400 09/02/2012		DLS	48306	3.00	\$300.00	w	900.006	Prepare response to TRA request; Revise McClung Direct Testimony, Review financial information from Lansford and Stenbers: F-mail McClung Direct Testimony to him to review
12400 09/04/2012		DLS	48306	3.50	\$300.00	7,0	1,050.00	Prepare response to TRA request, Revise McClung Direct Testimony, Review financial information from Lansford and Standars: F_mail with Mike MrChing on his Direct Testimony
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12400 09/05/2012		48306	4.00		s 1,20		E-mails with Mike McClung and Lansford and Stephens for responses to TRA Staff Request; Review information and documents from Mike McClung and Lansford and Stephens for Response and prepare Reponse and McClung prefiled
12400 09/06/2012	DLS	48306	1.20		\$ 36		testimony Prepare Mike McClung prefiled testimony and e-mail to him for review
12400 09/06/2012	RCHG	3 48306	0.40	\$100.00		40.00 P	Prepare cover letter to Sharla Dillon (TRA) on Pre-filed Testimony of Michael McClung; Email to Sharla Dillon (TRA) Despare cover letter to Sharla Dillon (TRA) on Reconnect to Staff Data Regulast; Email to Sharla Dillon (TRA)
12400 09/07/2012			3.20		98		Prepare Response to TRA Staff Request; Review spreadsheets from Landsford and Stephens for Response; Prepare
							letter to Roger York in response to his letter regarding the termination of service to Laurel Hills
12400 09/10/2012		48306	0.40	\$300.00	\$ 12		E-mail from Mike McClung and conference with Ben Gastel on Microbac invoice and ledger
12400 09/17/2012		48306	0.40				Review CAPD discovery request and e-mail to Ben Gastel about responding
12400 09/18/2012			0.80	F.	(1		Review draft responses to CAPD discovery requests and conference with Ben Gastel on these responses
12400 09/18/2012	RCHG	3 48306	0.80	\$150.00	60 00 60 00	80.00 F	Review, print and organize pleadings for BG Review AG's data requests: confer with coursel recarding data requests: draft and edit data requests: confer with clients
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12400 09/19/2012	BG	48306	2.80	\$150.00	\$	420.00 C	Confer with Mike McClung regarding testimony and responses to CAG responses; draft and edit responses to CAG requests; confer with counsel regarding same; confer with TRA counsel regarding status of case in Cumberland County and status of Petition: confer with counsel regarding same.
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12400 09/20/2012		48306	0.20		e v		Conference with Ben Gastel on the objections to the CAPD and Intervenors' discovery requests
12400 09/20/2012	BG	48306	1.70	\$150.00	\$ 25	255.00 L	Draft and edit responses to CAG data requests; review requests propounded by Laurel Hills customer
12400 09/21/2012	BG	48306	0.70	\$150.00		105.00 L	Draft and edit changes to CAG responses
12400 09/24/2012		48306	0.20		⊕		Conference with Ben Gastel on response to CAPD discovery request
12400 09/24/2012	BG	48306	5.20	\$150.00		780.00	Draft and edit discovery responses; confer with counsel regarding same; confer with client regarding same; prepare
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12400 09/25/2012	DLS	48306	1.00		\$ 30	300.00E	Review responses to CAPD discovery requests and conference with Ben Gastel on the responses
12400 09/25/2012		RCHG 48306	0.50	\$100.00		50.00 F	Prepare Response for filing with the TRA; Prepare cover letter to Sharla Dillon (TRA); Email to Sharla Dillon (TRA) on
12400 09/26/2012		RCHG 48306	09.0	\$100,00	S	60.00 F	Response Proof and revise Response To Intervenor Discovery Requests; Prepare cover letter to Sharla Dillon (TRA); Email to
						_	TRA for filing Response
12400 09/26/2012	BG	48306	5.20	\$150.00	\$ 78	780.00	Draft and edit discovery requests; serve discovery requests; review documents produced by Mike McClung; review promissory note: confer with counsel regarding scheduling
12400 09/26/2012	SIC	48306	0.50	\$300.00	45	150.00 F	Review responses to Supplemental TRA Staff Request and Intervenor's discovery request prepared by Ben Gastel
12400 09/27/2012		48306	0.30				Conference with Ben Gastel on response to discovery request and request to depose Everett Bolin
12400 09/27/2012		48306	2.20		69	330.00	Draft and edit final discovery responses; confer with client regarding 1972 deed related to covenants of water system;
						5 61	confer with CAD and customer intervenors regarding a modified schedule; confer with staff regarding same; finalize and serve discovery responses
12400 09/28/2012	BG	48306	1.70	\$150.00	\$ 25	255.00 C	Conference call with TRA regarding modifying the schedule; confer with counsel regarding same; draft and edit letter to Roger York; confer with counsel regarding same; draft and edit objection to deposition
12400 10/01/2012	RCHG	3 48426	0.50	\$100.00	€9	50.00 F	Prepare Response to Customer Intervenors Request for Subpoena for filing and cover letter to Sharla Dillon (TRA); Finall to Sharla Dillon
12400 10/01/2012	BG	48426	0.50	\$150.00		75.00 F	Finalize and file final version of objections to Crab Orchard subpoena
12400 10/01/2012	DLS	48426	0.80	\$300.00	\$ 24	240.00 F	Review Intervenor's Response to TRA Staff Request and conference with Ben Gastel about response; Review recent
							TRA filings by the parties
12400 10/02/2012		48426	0.60	\$150.00	n c		Review direct testimony filed by customer intervenors; review filigns by attorney general
12400 10/03/2012	PC.	48476	06:0		n	135.00	Review testimony filed by John Moore and the Attorney General, confer with counsel and client regarding same

EX. A BSJ Response to Staff Data Request

Ex. B BSJ Response to Staff Data Request

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Matter 11215	er Date 11215 02/06/2012	Timek Bill DLS 471	Bill Hours	8 4.80	Rate \$300.00	Amount	1,440.00	Narrative Call with Harvey Cameron confirming VEC accounts had been transferred back into name of Laurel Hills; Prepare e-mail to Sherwin Smith on illegal cross connection at Cumberland Point and turn off of valve serving Cumberland Point; Calls with Melanie Davis and Sherwin Smith about the TRO and turning the valve back on pending the hearing for a temporary injunction; E-mails with Mike McClung, Rob Schwerer, Melanie Davis and Sherwin Smith on TRO and turning water back to to Cumberland Point; Review complaint filed by customers by Melanie Davis; Call to Chancellor Thurnan's office Departs Mike McClung affidavit for tamporary injunction hearing.
1121	11215 02/06/2012	BG	47149	1.20	\$150.00	ь	180.00	Review documents related to filings to be made in state court, confer with court clerk regarding temporary restraining order, confer with court clerk regarding temporary restraining order, confer with counsel regarding case status and written filings; review Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure regarding modifying the entry of a temporary restraining order, confer with counsel regarding modifying restraining order and obtaining temporary injunction; review complaint filed in Cumberland County court.
1121	11215 02/07/2012	BG	47149	4.20	\$150.00	₩	630.00	Confer with counsel regarding response and preparation for Tuesday's hearing; research Tennessee law regarding granting and denying temporary injunction; review affidavits of Mike McClung; review complaint; draft and edit opposition to motion for temporary injunction; confer with the Court regarding Tuesday's hearing
1121	11215 02/07/2012	DLS	47149	3.50	\$300.00	S	1,050.00	Call with Sherwin Smith on illegal cross connection and turning service back on for Cumerland Point, Prepare Motion to Dissolve TRO
1121	11215 02/08/2012	DLS	47149	5.00	\$300.00	€9	1,500.00	Meet with Tom White and George Dean; Prepare Mike McClung affidavit and Memorandum of Law for temporary injunction hearing; Call with and e-mail with Rob Schwerer on temporary injunction hearing; Call with Chancellor Thurman to discuss procedure for temporary injunction hearing
1121	11215 02/09/2012	DLS	47149	4.80	\$300.00	₩	1,440.00	Calls with Mike McClung, Sherwin Smith and Dan Moore in preparation for temporary injunction hearing; Prepare affidavit for Sherwin Smith for temporary injunction hearing
1121	11215 02/10/2012	DLS	47149	3.20	\$300.00	€	960.00	Finalize Sherwin Smith Affdavit for temporary injunction hearing and e-mail to him for his review and review his revisions to affidavit, Prepare Mike McClung affidavit and Memorandum of Law for temporary injunction hearing
1121	11215 02/10/2012	BG	47149	3,30	\$150,00	6	495.00	Confer with counsel regarding written response; review email correspondence with clients; review affidavit of Mike McClung and TDEC representative; draft and edit written opposition to motion for temporary injunction; research TN law recarding scope of duties of public utilities.
1121	11215 02/10/2012		RCHG 47149	0.30	\$100.00	64 6	30.00	Prepare cover letter to Cumberland County Clerk & Master
1121	2102/11/20 c1211	2	841.14	0.70	\$1.50.00	n	00.601	Enfair contespondence with courser regalating content version of written monort, draft and eart written opposition to motion for temporary injunction
1121	11215 02/12/2012		47149	1.40	\$150.00	69 6	210.00	Research TN law regarding treatment of confiscatory rates as takings in violation of the U.S. Constitution; review email correspondence from counsel regarding same, draft and edit written opposition to motion for temporary injunction
1751	11215 02/12/2012	DES.	47149	30.6	\$300.00	A A	200.000	Prepare Mike Micciuity amidavit and Memoranidum or Law for temporary injunicuom reality. Einaliza Mamorandiim of Law and affidavits for temporary hearing and prepare letter to Clerk and Master for filing
1121	11215 02/13/2012		47149	1.20	\$150.00	9 69	180.00	Finalize wellocation of Law and amuants to remporary nearing and prepare letter to crem and livester for timing Review and edit final version of opposition to motion for temporary injunction; confer with counsel regarding same
1121	11215 02/14/2012		47149	7.00	\$150.00	€9	1,050.00	Travel to and attend hearing on motion for temporary injunction; confer with counsel regarding same; review pleadings filed by concern counsel review Tennessee law recarding scope of TRA authority.
1121	11215 02/14/2012	DLS	47149	7.00	\$300.00	€9	2,100.00	Attend temporary injunction hearing in Crossville
1121	11215 02/15/2012		47149	1.00	\$300.00	↔	300.00	Call with Rob Schwerer in followup to temporary injunction hearing; Call to General Counsel of TRA; Internal conference with Ben Gastel on terms of Chancellor Thurman's rulingN
1121	11215 02/16/2012	DLS	47149	0.80	\$300.00	₩	240.00	Prepare letter to TRA General Counsel to advise that Laurel Hills may be filing a petition to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity in the future; Review draft of Order for temporary injunction prepared by Melanie Davis with Ben Gastel
1121	11215 02/17/2012		47149	0.40	\$150.00	₩.	60.00	Confer with counsel regarding order; review draft and final order; confer with opposing counsel regarding same
1121	11215 02/22/2012	DLS	47149	0.80	\$300.00	v	240.00	Receive, review and respond to e-mail from Pudge Guettler on service of summons and complaint upon him; Call with Melanie Davis regarding a potential acquisition by Crab Orchard UD; Prepare e-mail to Rob Schwerer on potential offer to Crab Orchard UD and on Amended Complaint showing additional parties
1121	11215 02/22/2012		47149	0.30	\$150.00	us (45.00	Confer with counsel regarding case status
1121	11215 02/23/2012 11215 02/28/2012	RCHG	47149	0.20	\$150.00	ν (20.00	Call to Clerk & Master on dates of service Confer with counsel regarding case status; review Mike McClung affidavit; correspondence with opposing counsel
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11215 05/07/2012	7/2012	BG	47657	0.50	\$150.00	6/3	75.00	Review final versions of withdrawal of petition; review correspondence with opposing counsel; review final version of
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11215 05/14/2012	5/2012	S E	47657	0.70	\$300.00) 69	180.00	can with bridge Greatler to discuss the decision to withdraw the political and its aftermath
11215 05/16/2012	610013	2 10	47657	180	2300 00	· U	540.00	Denomination of Notice to Appear hefore the TBA and a mail to Do Schwarzer for his review.
11215 05/17/2012	712012	2 2	47657	1 70	2300.00	9 U	510.00	Prepare response to Notice to Appear Dall with Rob Schwerer about latest draft
11215 05/17/2012	7/2012	RCHG	47657	0.40	\$100.00) G	40.00	Province Covering Control (Control of Control of Contro
11215 05/18/2012	8/2012	DIS	47657	0.50	\$300.00	e (7)	150.00	Finalize Response to Notice to Appear before the TRA
11215 05/21/2012	1/2012	STO	47657	0.50	\$300.00	(A)	150.00	Conference with Ben Gastel on attending TRA hearing and his report back to me; Prepare e-mail to Rob Schwerer on
11215 05/21/2012	1/2012	BG	47657	1.60	\$150.00	v.	240.00	the action taken at hearing Confer with course recarding case status: review correspondence and filings with the TRA: aftend TRA hearing: confer
)		2)))		with counsel and client regarding hearing
11215 05/23/2012	3/2012	STO	47657	0.30	\$300.00	S	90.00	Conference with Ben Gastel on next step in responding to TRA action
11215 05/24/2012	4/2012	DLS	47657	1.00	\$300.00	69	300.00	Review statutes on ability of TRA to impose civil penalties and call to Rob Schwerer to discuss
11215 05/29/2012	9/2012	BG	47657	06.0	\$150.00	69	135.00	Draft and edit letter to attorney general; confer with counsel regarding same
11215 06/01/2012	1/2012	DLS	47802	2.20	\$300.00	S	00.099	Prepare letter to Jean Stone and Attorney General's Office to advise about the unconstitutionality of taking action
								against Laurei Hills now that it is only serving itself; E-mails with Kob Schwerer on Melanie Davis letter to TKA and on appointment of hearing officer for show cause proceeding
11215 06/06/2012	6/2012	BG	47802	0.30	\$150.00	€A.	45.00	Oraft and edit letter to Melanie Davis: serve such letter confer with counsel reparding same
11215 06/12/2012	2/2012	′0	47802	0.30	\$300.00	S	90.00	Internal conference with Ben Gastel on TRA statutory authority to impose civil penalties
11215 06/19/2012	9/2012		47802	0.30	\$150.00	S	45.00	Confer with counsel and client regarding TRA meeting tomorrow
11215 06/20/2012	0/2012	BG	47802	1.60	\$150.00	69	240.00	Confer with client and counsel regarding meeting with TRA; attend meeting with TRA; research regarding ability of TRA
								to require a public utility to continue to serve public
11215 06/20/2012	0/2012	DLS	47802	1.70	\$300.00	()	510.00	Call with Rob Schwerer and Ben Gastel before meeting with Shiva Bozarth at the TRA, Meet with Shiva Bozarth and
24046	0,000		47000	000	0000	6	00000	I RA staff members about withdrawal of Petition
717712/90 61711	7107/1	DLS	4/602	00.1	\$300.00	A	290.00	receive, eview and respond to e-min from too schweler on setting the call, call with too schweler of date of
								injunction nearing, effects of revocation of license granted to Laurer Hills by Moytoy and repossession of water system by Moytoy as holder of security interest
11215 06/22/2012	2/2012	BG	47802	1.80	\$150.00	S	270.00	Review motions to compel; review local rules of MDTN regarding same; edit motions to compel; confer with counsel
								regarding filing of motions to compel
11215 06/22/2012	2/2012	BG	47802	3.80	\$150.00	↔	570.00	Research regarding federal and state law on public utility's duty to serve; confer with counsel regarding same; review
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11215 06/26/2012		DLS	47802	0.70	\$300.00	69	210.00	Receive, review and respond to e-mail from Rob Schwerer on statute allowing termination of water sevice by public
								water system with notice, Internal conference with Ben Gastel to prepare for lawsuit to be filed by the TRA
11215 06/26/2012	6/2012	BG	47802	3.20	\$150.00	69	480.00	Research regarding tennessee public utility law; confer with client regarding Tennessee law and TRA authority, draft and
								edit response to preliminary injunction; research regarding same
11215 06/27/2012	7/2012	DLS	47802	1.50	\$300.00	₩.	450.00	E-mail and call with Rob Schwerer and conference with Ben Gastel about defending lawsuit to be filed by the TRA
11215 06/27/2012	7/2012	BG	47802	1.30	\$150.00	69	195.00	Confer with counsel and client regarding status; review TRA show cause order; review research regarding TN law on
11215 06/28/2012	8/2012	BG	47802	2.80	\$150.00	εn	420.00	Confer with Shiva Bozart at TRA regarding status of hearing and TRA's prepared actions: confer with counsel reparding
								same; confer with client regarding potential for TRO and preliminary injunction being filed; research Tennessee law
		0		0	0			regarding TRA's authority to obtain such relief; review documents provided by client
11215 06/28/2012		DCS DCS	47802	1.40	\$300.00	Αθ	310.00	internal conterence with Ben Gastel about contacting Shilva in preparation for filing of TRA lawsuit
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Matter D 11215 07	er Date 11215 07/02/2012	Timek Bill BG 479	Bill Hours	rs 6.50	Rate \$150.00	Amount \$	975.00	Narrative Draft and edit opposition to motion for preliminary injunciton; research regarding same; confer with counsel regarding
11215 0	11215 07/03/2012	BG	47953	6.80	\$150.00	69	1,020.00	same Draft and edit opposition to motion for preliminary injunction; research Tennessee law regarding preliminary injunctions;
11215 07	11215 07/05/2012	S.	47953	3.20	\$150 OO	U	480.00	review documents regarding same; review documents filed by TRA; confer with counsel regarding same.
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11215 0	11215 07/05/2012	DLS.	47953	0,20	\$300.00	↔	60.00	Conference with Ben Gastel on filing of response to motion for temporary injunction
11215 0	11215 07/06/2012	B C	47953	0.70	\$150.00	s co	105.00	Draft and edit opposition to motion to dismiss
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								hearing and evidence
11215 0	11215 07/09/2012	DLS	47953 47953	1.90	\$300.00	69 V	570.00	Revise response to motion for temporary injunction by the TRA and conference with Ben Gastel on response Get file from Clerk and Master's Office in preparation for hearing on TRA motion for temporary injunction
11215 0.	11215 07/10/2012	BG	47953	4.20	\$150.00	· vs	630.00	Draft and edit and finalize opposition to motion for sanctions; confer with counsel regarding same; organize exhibits
								regarding same; confer with client regarding same
11215 0	11215 07/11/2012	86	47953	2.30	\$150.00	63	345.00	File complaint; research regarding same; confer with counsel regarding oral argument; prepare for oral argument
11215 0	11215 07/11/2012	DIS	47953	0.30	\$300.00	us c	90.00	Conference with Ben Gastel on hearing on TRA motion for temporary injunction
11215 0	112/2/1/10 0/12/2012	DLS	47953	00.7	\$300.00	nı	2,100.00	Attend hearing in Crossville on TKA motion for temporary injunction
11215 0	11215 07/12/2012	500	47053	9.20	2150.00	n u	1,380.00	Traver to and attend nearing on opposition to motion for preliminary injunction, confer with client regarding same
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11215 0	11215 07/16/2012	DLS	47953	0.30	\$300,00	69	90.00	Internal conference with Ben Gastel on how to proceed after issuance of temporary injunction
11215 0	11215 07/17/2012	BG	47953	0.50	\$150.00	(s)	75.00	Confer with counsel for Crab Orchard Utility District regarding outstanding bill; confer with counsel regarding same
11215 0	11215 07/18/2012	DLS	47953	0.30	\$300.00	(A)	90.00	Prepare tariff for filing for temporary rate approved by Chancellor and agreed to by the parties
11215 0	11215 07/24/2012	DLS	47953	0.20	\$300.00	(S)	60.00	E-mail Notices of Reinstatement to all parties
11215 0	11215 09/04/2012	BG	48306	3.20	\$150.00	↔	480.00	Draft and edit motion for interlocutory appeal; research regarding same; confer with counsel regarding same; review
11215 08	11215 09/05/2012	S	48306	1 00	5300 00	G.	300.00	Previous conceptuation regarding interroducity appeal process, review Terriessee Rules of Appellate Flocedure Revise Motion for Leave for Interlocutory Appeal
11215 0	11215 09/25/2012	RCHG		0,90	\$100.00	69	90.00	Call to Clerk & Master on hearing date; Prepare letter to Clerk on Notice of Appearance; Prepare Notice of Appearance
11215 10	11215 10/22/2012	BG	48426	7.20	\$150.00	↔	1,080.00	Travel to and attend hearing on motion for interlocutory appeal; confer with opposing counsel regarding case status;
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11215 1	11215 11/20/2012	RCHG	RCHG 48559	06.0	\$100.00	€9	00 06	Proof and file LH Responses to 1st ROGS Posed by Petitioner and Response to 1st Request for Production; Prepare cover letter to Clerk & Master
11215 1	11215 11/21/2012	RCHG	48559	0.50	\$100.00	69	50.00	Proof Answer to Petition for Injunctive Relief and cover letter to Clerk & Master
	Fees	Fees Billed		236.40			52,700.00	
11215 0	11215 01/16/2013	BG		0.30	150.00		45.00	
11215 0	11215 01/17/2013	BG		0.40	150.00		60.00	Review agreed order regarding CAPD intervention; confer with counsel regarding same
11215 0	11215 01/23/2013	BG		2.20	150.00		330.00	Research regarding motion to dismiss customer intervenor case; confer with opposing counsel regarding same
	Fees Unbilled	billed		468.40		S	435.00	
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11215 06	11215 06/20/2011	9000	46158 \$	46.50 (Cash: Invo	ice #	6/17/11 Pe	Cash; Invoice # 6/17/11 Petty Cash; Printing Costs - copies of pleadings Scholes Donald - Invoice # 07012011: Mileane reimbursement to attend mention with TDEC
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Matter	11215	Gener	General Matters	s,		
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1121	11215 02/16/2012		47149	\$ 96.0	30 Clerk and Master; Invoice # 02162012	0001 47149 \$ 96.00 Clerk and Master, Invoice # 02162012; Fax Filing Fee for Response and Affidavits
1121	11215 02/16/2012	8000	47149	\$ 143.1	19 Ben Gastel; Invoice # 02162012; Miles	47149 \$ 143.19 Ben Gastel; Invoice # 02162012; Mileage reimbursement for travel to Cumberland County with DLS
1121	11215 02/29/2012	9000	47149	↔	1.00 Cash; Invoice # 02-29-12; Printing Cos	Printing Costs - Copy of Order
1121	11215 03/26/2012	0001	47415	\$ 100.0	30 Clerk and Master; Invoice # 03262012	47415 \$ 100.00 Clerk and Master; Invoice # 03262012; Filing Fee for Answer and Counterclaim in Cumberland County
1121	11215 04/10/2012	0001	47536	\$ 25.0	30 Tennessee Regulatory Authority; Invoi	25.00 Tennessee Regulatory Authority; Invoice # 04102012; Electronic Filing Fee for Petition
1121	11215 07/16/2012	0001	47953	69	30 Clerk and Master, Invoice # 07162012	115.00 Clerk and Master; Invoice # 07162012; Filing Fee for opposition to Motion for Temporary Injunction
1121	11215 07/20/2012	6000	47953	↔	125.00 Phyllis J. Stinson; Invoice # 6558; Court Reporting Fee	rt Reporting Fee
1121	11215 07/27/2012	6000	47953		70 Phyllis J. Stinson; Invoice # 6562; Co.	\$ 198.00 Phyllis J. Stinson; Invoice # 6562; Court Reporting Fee, 7/12/12, Cookeville, Chancery Court, 2012-CH-560
1121	11215 09/17/2012	0005	48306	ь	16.76 Federal Express; Invoice # 2-015-0107	2-015-01079; Expedited Mail Charges on 9/6/12, to Cumberland County Chancery
11218	11215 12/07/2012	6000	48644	S	30 Virgilene Tabor-Lotze; Invoice # 1207.	84.00 Virgilene Tabor-Lotze; Invoice # 12072012; Court Reporting Fee; transcript of Findings of Fact
1121	11215 10/23/2012	8000	48426	69	\$ 143.19 Ben Gastel; Invoice # Cash Receipts;	h Receipts; Mileage for: Roundtrip to/from Cookeville
1121	11215 10/23/2012	0041	48426 \$		17.64 Ben Gastel; Invoice # Cash Receipts,	h Receipts, Meals, B. Gastel, Cookeville
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