



City of Chattanooga

Mayor Andy Berke

February 10, 2021

Hon. Kenneth C. Hill, Chairman
c/o Ectory Lawless, Docket Room Manager
Tennessee Public Utility Commission
502 Deaderick Street, 4th Floor
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***Re: TPUC Docket No. 20-00128, Consumer Advocate's Motion to Terminate or Suspend
Current Capital Riders Mechanism***

Dear Chairman Hill:

This letter is submitted on behalf of the City of Chattanooga, Tennessee (the "City"), in support of the Consumer Advocate's *Motion to Terminate or Suspend Current Capital Riders Mechanism* ("Motion"), in Docket No. 20-00128, filed on January 6, 2021. The City is not a party to the above-captioned docket and is not seeking to intervene at this time. However, we will be grateful if you will share this letter in the record.

For the following reasons, the City wishes to express its support of the Consumer Advocate's Motion.

1. As set forth in greater detail in the Motion, the Consumer Advocate has raised public interest concerns with the Tennessee American Water Company's ("TAWC") tariff riders for the QIIP, EDI, SEC, and the PCOP (the "Capital Riders") since 2013. In Docket No. 18-00120, the Commission ordered an investigation into TAWC's Capital Riders mechanism. That investigation was opened as Docket No. 19-00103 (the "Investigation Docket").
2. The City has participated in past Dockets in which it has raised issues relating to the TAWC tariff riders. *See, e.g.*, Docket Nos. 14-00121; 14-00139.
3. On September 28, 2020, the City petitioned to intervene in the Investigation Docket, in order to protect the legal rights, duties, privileges, immunities, or other legal interests of the City and its citizens as may be determined in that proceeding. The Commission granted the City's Petition on October 1, 2020.

4. The Consumer Advocate has asked through its Motion in Docket No. 20-00128 that the existing Capital Riders mechanism be terminated or suspended in that Docket pending resolution of the Investigation Docket, at which time the Commission can deliberate and issue a ruling on what constitutes just and reasonable rates and what changes must be made to the Capital Riders mechanism to protect the public interest.
5. It is in the best interests of the City and its citizens that TAWC's Capital Riders mechanism be terminated or suspended pending resolution of the Investigation Docket, so that the findings in that Docket can be taken into account in the Commission's consideration of Docket No. 20-00128.

The City respectfully requests that you consider this letter in support of the Consumer Advocate's Motion.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy Berke". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mayor Andy Berke
City of Chattanooga

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This certifies that a copy of the attached letter, filed in TPUC Docket No. 20-00128, has been served upon counsel for participants in that docket, via email, as follows:

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This 10th day of February, 2021

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