BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

January 21, 2021

IN RE:)	
PETITION OF THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE)	DOCKET NO.
DIVISION FOR THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC)	20-00139
UTILITY COMMISSION TO MODIFY	Ó	
CHATTANOOGA GAS COMPANY'S	Ó	
PERFORMANCE BASED RATEMAKING	í	
MECHANISM)	

ORDER TOLLING TIME FOR CHATTANOOGA GAS TO FILE AN ANSWER

This matter came before the Hearing Officer of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission ("Commission" or "TPUC") during a Status Conference held on January 7, 2021 with Chattanooga Gas Company ("Chattanooga Gas" or the "Company") and the Consumer Advocate Unit in the Financial Division of the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate"), the parties in this matter. The Hearing Officer convened the Status Conference to determine the next steps to move the docket forward. During the Status Conference, the parties determined that it would be best to first engage in discussions regarding the issues in the docket before proceeding any further. In order to give the parties time to meet, Chattanooga Gas would need additional time to file its Answer to the Consumer Advocate's *Petition for the Tennessee Public Utility Commission to Modify Chattanooga Gas company's Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism* ("Petition"). The Hearing Officer finds that it is prudent for the parties to discuss the issues before moving forward with the docket. Therefore, the Hearing Officer concludes the time for Chattanooga Gas to file an Answer to the Consumer Advocate's Petition should be tolled until

further direction by the Hearing Officer. After the parties have met, the Hearing Officer will convene another Status Conference to determine how to proceed with the docket, including, but not limited to, a date for Chattanooga Gas to file its Answer to the Consumer Advocate's *Petition*.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED.

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Hearing Officer