## BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

## NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

**April 7, 2021** 

IN RE:	)	
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DOCKET TO EVALUATE CHATTANOOGA	)	DOCKET NO.
GAS COMPANY'S PURCHASES AND RELATED	)	20-00139
SHARING INCENTIVES	)	

## ORDER ESTABLISHING ISSUE TO BE ADDRESSED IN DOCKET AND SETTING DATE FOR RESPONSE

This matter came before the Hearing Officer of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission ("Commission" or "TPUC") during a telephone Status Conference held on March 30, 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. On March 22, 2021, the Consumer Advocate notified the Hearing Officer via email that the parties had discussed the issues raised in the Consumer Advocate's *Petition* and had been able to narrow the focus of the docket to a single issue. Consistent with the Hearing Officer's *Order Tolling Time for Chattanooga Gas to File an Answer*, the Hearing Officer convened a Status Conference.

The Hearing Officer convened the Status Conference to determine how to proceed with the docket, including a date for Chattanooga Gas to file a response to the Consumer Advocate's *Petition for the Tennessee Public Utility Commission to Modify Chattanooga Gas Company's Performance Based Ratemaking Mechanism* ("Petition"). During the Status Conference, the parties informed the Hearing Officer that the issue they had agreed on for consideration in the

docket was: Should the sharing incentive percentage of Chattanooga Gas Company's Asset Management and Agency Agreement ("AMAA") be modified and if so, what is the appropriate percentage?

The Hearing Officer found that it is prudent to narrow the issues in the docket before moving forward and concluded the issue the parties seek to address is reasonable. The Hearing Officer determined that Chattanooga Gas should file its response to the Consumer Advocate's *Petition* by April 30, 2021. In addition, the Hearing Officer directed to parties to begin developing a joint proposed procedural schedule.

## IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The scope of this docket is narrowed to a single issue, which is: Should the sharing incentive percentage of Chattanooga Gas Company's Asset Management and Agency Agreement be modified and if so, what is the appropriate percentage?
- 2. Chattanooga Gas Company should file a response to the *Petition for the Tennessee*Public Utility Commission to Modify Chattanooga Gas Company's Performance Based

  Ratemaking Mechanism by April 30, 2021.

Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer

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