

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

December 21, 2021

IN RE:

**DOCKET TO EVALUATE CHATTANOOGA GAS
COMPANY'S PURCHASES AND RELATED
SHARING INCENTIVES**

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**DOCKET NO.
20-00139**

AGREED ORDER TO RECOVER CONSULTANT EXPENSES

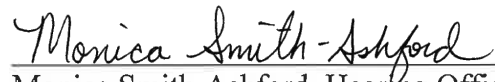
Exeter Associates, Inc. ("Exeter") has been requested to respond to discovery requests from the parties in this case, including a potential deposition to be taken of one of its representatives. The parties have agreed that this work is an extension of Exeter's work as an independent consultant in Docket Number 07-00224, and the triennial review report that it prepared in that matter and filed on June 29, 2020 and, specifically, Exeter's conclusion regarding changes to the Chattanooga Gas Company ("CGC" or "Company") gas procurement incentive mechanism that the Consumer Advocate Unit in the Financial Division of the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate") seeks to modify in this proceeding by reliance on the Exeter Report. As such, the parties have further agreed that it would be appropriate for CGC to pay Exeter for this additional work in this docket and that CGC should recover such expenses through the Company's Actual Cost Adjustment ("ACA") account, as was done for Exeter's fees in Docket 07-00224. To that end, when CGC receives an invoice from Exeter for the work in this docket, CGC shall file such invoice in this docket and in Docket 07-00224. Absent an objection from the Consumer Advocate, Commission Staff, or CGC within 21 days of such filing, the Hearing Officer

shall issue a specific order authorizing the payment for such work through the Company's ACA account, pursuant to the Company's Tennessee Tariff. The undersigned Hearing Officer finds this process to be reasonable and proper. In addition, the Hearing Officer finds that Exeter is participating in this docket as an independent witness and is not appearing as a witness on behalf of any particular party to the proceeding. The Hearing Officer also finds that Exeter's participation in this docket shall not affect Exeter's independence or impact its ability to bid on and be awarded contracts as an independent consultant in future dockets.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** that the parties to this docket may utilize the services of Exeter Associates, Inc. for the limited purpose of providing additional information through the discovery process in this docket regarding its conclusions that CGC's sharing incentive percentage be changed, and that upon the conclusion of such work Exeter shall invoice CGC for its work, with CGC filing such invoice in this docket and Docket 07-00224. Absent an objection from the Consumer Advocate, Commission Staff, or CGC within 21 days of such filing, the Hearing Officer shall issue a separate order authorizing the specific payment by CGC for such services, with such amount to be recovered by Chattanooga Gas Company through its ACA account, pursuant to the Company's Tennessee Tariff.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

This 20th day of December, 2021.


Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer

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