

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

July 12, 2021

IN RE:

**PETITION OF TENNESSEE-AMERICAN
WATER COMPANY REGARDING THE 2021
PRODUCTION COSTS AND OTHER PASS-
THROUGHS RIDER**

**DOCKET NO.
21-00006**

ORDER RE-SUSPENDING TARIFF THROUGH AUGUST 9, 2021

This matter is before the Hearing Officer appointed by the voting panel of Commissioners of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“Commission” or “TPUC”) and designated by General Counsel to administer certain preliminary issues that may arise during the preparation of this matter for hearing before the Commission. On January 15, 2021, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103 *et seq.*, Tennessee-American Water Company (“TAWC” or the “Company”) filed its *Petition* seeking approval of the proposed Production Costs and Other Pass-Throughs Rider percentage, along with the proposed tariffs with an effective date of February 14, 2021, which the Hearing Officer suspended through May 14, 2021, then re-suspended through July 13, 2021.

Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103(a) permits the Commission, pending a hearing and determination, to suspend any rate increase, change, or alteration for an initial period not to exceed three months from the proposed effective date of such increase, change, or alteration.¹ On July 1,

¹ Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103(a).

2021, TAWC filed a letter with the Commission indicating the parties do not have any contested issues, and the matter should be resolved in favor of the positions set forth in TAWC's *Petition*. However, the letter was not filed in time to allow it to be placed on the July 13, 2021 Commission Conference agenda. Because the Commission's investigation, hearing, and final determination on the Company's proposed tariff could not be completed prior to the effective date of June 14, 2021, the Hearing Officer hereby re-suspends the effectiveness of the tariff through August 9, 2021.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The effective date of the proposed Twenty-Third Revised Sheet No. 12-Riders-1 filed by Tennessee-American Water Company on January 15, 2021, is hereby re-suspended through August 9, 2021, or until further order of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission, whichever occurs sooner.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monica Smith-Ashford". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Monica" being the most prominent.

Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer