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Hon. Herb Hilliard, Chairman
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RE: *In Re: Joint Petition of Tennessee-American Water Company and Walker County Water and Sewerage Authority for Expedited Approval of a Special Contract, Docket No. 22-00049*

Dear Chairman Hilliard:

Since the submission of the Joint Petition of Tennessee-American Water Company (“TAWC”) and Walker County Water and Sewerage Authority (“WCWSA”) for Expedited Approval of a Special Contract in the above-referenced matter on June 13, 2022, TAWC, WCWSA and the Consumer Advocate Division of the Tennessee Attorney General’s Office (“Consumer Advocate” or “CA”) have been involved in cooperative discussions and have exchanged various information related to the Joint Petition. With the recent submission of both the CA’s Testimony of William H. Novak and TAWC’s Rebuttal Testimony of Grady Stout, the parties hereby jointly represent that there are no outstanding procedural matters requiring resolution by the Hearing Officer.

Moreover, after considering the entire record, including TAWC’s responses to discovery, it is the joint position of the parties that this matter is ripe for consideration on the merits by the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“TPUC” or “Commission”). At this time, there remain no outstanding disputes between the parties with respect to this docket, as clarified by and through discovery, the parties’ communications and pre-filed testimony. As reflected in the Pre-filed Testimony of Mr. Novak and the Pre-filed Direct and Rebuttal Testimony of Mr. Stout, there are no contested issues between the parties on the merits of the Joint Petition, and it is the position of the parties that this matter should be resolved in favor of the positions set forth in the Joint Petition, consistent with the pre-filed testimony of the parties. Consistent with agency practice, the parties hereby jointly request that the entire official record in this docket, including discovery, be made a part of the evidentiary record.

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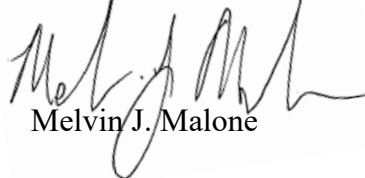
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With the foregoing in mind, unless otherwise requested by the Commission, the parties hereby waive both opening statements and the live presentation of testimony, including summaries of pre-filed testimony. TAWC Witness Stout and CA Witness Novak will be available at the Hearing on the merits. A representative on behalf of WCWSA will attend the Hearing as well, either in-person or telephonically. Further, other than follow-up and/or clarifying questions in response to questions of any witness by a TPUC Commissioner or TPUC Staff, TAWC waives cross-examination of Mr. Novak, and the CA waives cross-examination of Mr. Stout.

As required, the original plus four (4) hard copies will be mailed to your office. Should you have any questions concerning this filing, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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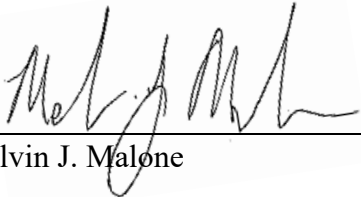
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served via U.S. Mail or electronic mail upon:

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