

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

October 16, 2025

IN RE:

PETITION OF TENNESSEE-AMERICAN WATER  
COMPANY TO MODIFY TARIFF, CHANGE AND  
INCREASE CHARGES, FEES, AND RATES, AND  
FOR APPROVAL OF A GENERAL RATE INCREASE

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ORDER GRANTING THE MOTION OF TENNESSEE-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY  
TO EXCEED FORTY DISCOVERY REQUESTS TO THE CONSUMER ADVOCATE  
DIVISION

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This matter is before the Administrative Judge upon *Tennessee American Water Company's Motion and Memorandum in Support to Exceed Forty (40) Discovery Requests to the Consumer Advocate Division* ("Motion") filed by Tennessee-American Water Company ("TAWC" or the "Company") on September 27, 2024, requesting to serve more than forty (40) discovery requests on the Consumer Advocate Division of the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate" or "CAD") pursuant to Tennessee Public Utility Commission ("Commission" or "TPUC") Rule 1220-01-02-.11(5)(a).<sup>1</sup>

TAWC argues that its request for additional discovery will comply with the *Order Establishing Procedural Schedule*. TAWC further claims that "the CAD has informed TAWC that...it will likewise not object" to discovery requests exceeding forty (40) requests.<sup>2</sup> Lastly, TAWC asserts that its discovery requests are not excessive nor unduly burdensome.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Both TAWC's Motion and its memorandum in support of its Motion are combined in a single document.

<sup>2</sup> *Motion*, pp. 2-3 (September 27, 2024).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 3.

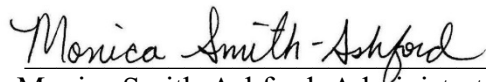
TPUC Rule 1220-1-2-.11(5)(a) provides:

No party shall serve on any other party no more than forty (40) discovery requests including sub-parts without first having obtained leave of the Commission or a Hearing Officer. Any motion seeking permission to serve more than forty (40) discovery requests shall set forth the additional requests. The motion shall be accompanied by a memorandum establishing good cause for the service of additional interrogatories or requests for production. If a party is served with more than forty (40) discovery requests without an order authorizing the same, such party need only respond to the first forty (40) requests.

TPUC Rules allow a minimum of forty (40) discovery requests to be served upon a party. Nevertheless, upon compliance with TPUC Rule 1220-1-2-.11(5)(a) and a showing of good cause, the Commission has been flexible in permitting supplemental discovery. Based on the foregoing, the Administrative Judge finds that TAWC has met the requirements of the Rule by showing good cause to issue additional discovery requests. Further, no objection to the *Motion* have been filed. Therefore, based on these findings, the Administrative Judge concludes the *Motion* should be granted.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDER THAT:**

The *Tennessee American Water Company's Motion and Memorandum in Support to Exceed Forty (40) Discovery Requests to the Consumer Advocate Division* is **GRANTED**.

  
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Monica Smith-Ashford, Administrative Judge