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Room on January 26, 2026 at 2:55 p.m.

Re: *PETITION OF TENNESSEE-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY TO
MODIFY TARIFF, CHANGE AND INCREASE CHARGES, FEES, AND
RATES, AND FOR APPROVAL OF A GENERAL RATE*
TPUC Docket No. 24-00032

Dear Monica:

The Consumer Advocate and the City of Chattanooga would like to request an immediate status conference to address the filing by Tennessee American Water Company ("TAWC") of its motion and memorandum in support of motion filed on January 22, 2026.

1. Tennessee-American Water Company's Motion and Memorandum in Support of Motion Regarding the Commission's January 8, 2026 Data Requests. Both the Consumer Advocate and the City of Chattanooga would like the opportunity to participate in this phase of the docket and be permitted to review, brief as well as the opportunity for oral argument on TAWC's request for in camera review by the Commission or Hearing Officer of the unredacted invoices submitted by Tennessee American Water Company. Without the ability to meaningfully review these invoices, the Intervenor is deprived of the ability to participate in this phase of the docket.
2. Procedural Schedule. The parties have been unable to reach a procedural schedule because discoverable evidence was not produced by TAWC on rate case expense. It should be noted that the parties did begin negotiating a procedural schedule and thereafter, TAWC filed a motion for in camera review of the unredacted invoices. This has not allowed the Consumer Advocate or the City of Chattanooga to formulate and submit discovery to TAWC. The motions for limited discovery filed by the Consumer Advocate and the City of Chattanooga were both recently granted. Without a procedural schedule and the

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- unredacted invoices, both the Consumer Advocate and the City of Chattanooga will be unable to propound discovery upon TAWC. This will result in the Intervenor being unable to effectively participate in this phase of the docket.
3. Impact of Storm Fern and Resulting Weather Conditions. There has been a major winter storm that has severely impacted Tennessee that began in the Nashville Metropolitan area on January 24, 2026 with snow that transitioned to hail/sleet/ice. Various areas in Tennessee had a dangerous ice storm with 0.5 to 0.75 inches of ice accumulation. The freezing rain, ice and arctic air have caused major power outages, thousands of downed trees, and hazardous travel conditions. Additionally, freezing and extremely cold temperatures will persist during the remainder of this week. To date, state offices, including TPUC have been officially closed both on Monday, January 26, and Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request. If you have questions regarding this request, please contact me by e-mail or at (615) 741-2357.

Respectfully,



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