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Re: Tennessee Water Service, Inc. Petition to Establish a Docket and Extend the Due

Date for Filing TWS' Petition for Approval of its 2025 Annual Rate Review

Filing, TPUC Docket No. 25- 00031

Dear Chairman Hilliard,

Enclosed is Tennessee Water Service, Inc.'s Petition to establish a docket and extend the due date for filing TWS' Petition for approval of its 2025 Annual Rate Review Filing pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103(d)(6). As explained in the Petition, TWS is requesting a docket be established and an extension of time be provided to allow TWS to finalize its 2024 audited financials, which are necessary for the filing of its annual rate review.

In addition to this electronic filing, we will deliver hard copies of the Petition and a filing fee in this matter.

A courtesy copy of this filing is being provided to the Consumer Advocate.

Sincerely,

Ryan A. Freeman For the Firm

CC:

Tiffany Van Horn, via email Enclosure

## N THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION AT NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

## TENNESSEE WATER SERVICE, INC. PETITION TO ESTABLISH A DOCKET AND EXTEND THE DUE DATE FOR FILING ITS PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF 2025 ANNUAL RATE REVIEW FILING

**NOW COMES** Tennessee Water Services, Inc. ("TWS" or the "Company"), by and through counsel and pursuant to the provisions of Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103(d)(6), hereby files its Request to Establish a Docket and Extend the Due Date for Filing TWS' Petition for Approval of its 2025 Annual Rate Review Filing ("Petition") pursuant to its Annual Review Mechanism ("ARM") approved in Docket No. 23-00046. In support of this request, TWS states as follows:

- 1. In Docket No. 23-00046, the Company requested approval to establish an annual review of its rates based upon the methodology adopted in its last general rate case (Docket No. 19-00028) and pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103(d)(6). By order on November 16, 2023, the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (the "Commission") approved a Stipulation and Settlement Agreement proffered by the Company and the Consumer Advocate Division of the Office of the Attorney General of Tennessee (the "Consumer Advocate") (the "2023 ARM Order").
- 2. TWS' ARM, as approved by the 2023 ARM Order and adopted as a part of TWS' Tariff, requires the Company to submit an annual filing on or before April 30 of each year. Pursuant to

the 2023 ARM Order, the Company submitted its first annual filing on April 30, 2024. The Commission approved this filing in its August 2024 hearing and by order on November 5, 2024.

- 3. The Company is requesting an extension of time for the submission of this year's ARM filing from the current deadline of April 30, 2025, to May 31, 2025, because of a delay in the completion of the Company's audited financials for full year 2024. Those audited financials include some entries not available prior to the completed audit, which are needed to address the ADIT-specific adjustments requested in the prior ARM filing (Docket 24-00028). The finalized 2024 audited financials are required in order to determine exactly which adjustments must occur. The Company believes it will be able to have the finalized audited financials and Petition ready for filing by May 31, 2025.
- 4. The Company hereby requests that the Commission establish a new ARM docket for the review of TWS' 2024 historical data so that the Commission may then enter an order delaying until May 31, 2025, the filing of TWS' ARM Petition and supporting documentation as required by the 2023 ARM Order.
- 5. TWS has consulted with the Commission Staff and Consumer Advocate regarding this request. The Consumer Advocate has indicated that it has no objection to the relief requested herein.

WHEREFORE, TWS respectfully requests that the Commission open a new docket in which it will process TWS' historic 2024 ARM review and that the Commission forthwith issue an order extending TWS' due date for filing it historic 2024 ARM review until May 31, 2025.

Respectfully submitted this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

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