

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**October 30, 2025**

**IN RE:**

**CONSUMER ADVOCATE COMPLAINT AND  
REQUEST TO OPEN A CONTESTED CASE AND  
INVESTIGATION INTO TENNESSEE-AMERICAN  
WATER COMPANY’S PFAS (PER-AND POLY-  
FLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES) LITIGATION  
UNIVERSAL SURCREDIT TARIFF (“PLUS  
TARIFF”)**

**DOCKET NO.  
25-00086**

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**ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF THROUGH DECEMBER 8, 2025**

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This matter is before the Administrative Judge of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“Commission” or “TPUC”) designated by General Counsel to administer certain preliminary issues that may arise during the preparation of this matter for hearing before the Commission. On October 6, 2025, in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103 *et seq.*, Tennessee-American Water Company (“TAWC” or the “Company”) filed its PFAS Litigation Universal Surcredit Tariff (“PLUS Tariff”) concerning the distribution of settlement proceeds of litigation relating to Per-And Poly-Fluoroalkyl Substances (“PFAS”) to its customers. The PLUS Tariff was filed with an effective date of November 5, 2025.

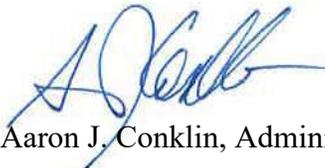
On October 17, 2025, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”) filed the *Consumer Advocate’s Complaint and Request to Open a Contested Case and Investigation* (“*Petition*”). The *Petition* requests an investigation of

the PLUS Tariff as the interest of consumers may be affected.<sup>1</sup>

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.<sup>2</sup> Commission Rule 1220-04-01-.06(5) further states that the Commission may suspend a filed tariff upon “the filing of a sufficient protest of any person or persons affected...”<sup>3</sup> The Administrative Judge finds that the Consumer Advocate’s *Petition* convenes a contested case concerning the PLUS Tariff and is sufficient protest to suspend the PLUS Tariff. Because the Commission’s investigation, hearing, and final determination on the TAWC’s proposed PLUS Tariff cannot be completed prior to the November 5, 2025, effective date of the tariff, the Administrative Judge hereby suspends the effectiveness of the tariff through December 8, 2025.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

The effective date of the proposed Original Sheet No. 60, TPUC Tariff Number 20, filed by Tennessee American Water Company on October 6, 2025, is hereby suspended through December 8, 2025, or until further order of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission, whichever occurs sooner.

  
Aaron J. Conklin, Administrative Judge

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<sup>1</sup> *Petition*, p. 1 (October 17, 2025).

<sup>2</sup> Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103(a).

<sup>3</sup> Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1220-04-01-.06(5).