## TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

502 Deaderick Street, 4th Floor Nashville, Tennessee 37243

## **NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE**

Designation of Hearing Officer in Rate Matters subject to Tenn. Code Ann. 65-5-103

To ensure the efficient and timely resolution of matters brought before the agency, Chairman Herbert H. Hilliard, Vice Chairman David F. Jones, Director Kenneth C. Hill, and Director Robin L. Morrison of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority took the following administrative action during the regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on April 15, 2016. Upon the filing of a petition for a rate adjustment or an initial filing for an alternative regulatory method in lieu of a general rate case under Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103, which are contested case proceedings subject to certain statutory deadlines, the petition will be referred to General Counsel or his/her designee as Hearing Officer for the purpose of preparing the matter for a hearing before the assigned panel of Directors. The Hearing Officer is authorized to address all preliminary matters, including consideration of requests for protective orders, intervention, discovery matters, and to establish a procedural schedule. All actions of the Hearing Officer on preliminary matters may be appealed to the panel of Directors pursuant to TRA Rule 1220-01-02-.06(6), as appropriate. This standing delegation of authority shall continue until rescinded by the Authority.

Chairman Herbert H. Hilliard, Vice Chairman David F. Jones, Director Kenneth C. Hill, and Director Robin L. Morrison concur. None dissenting.

ATTEST:

Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director