NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

Designation of Hearing Officer in Actions Initiated under TRA Rule 1220-04-05-.47(9)

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. TRA Rule 1220-04-05-.47(9) empowers the Authority or the Gas Pipeline Safety Division Chief to find that a particular facility presents an imminent hazard to life or property and to require the owner or operator of the facility to take immediate steps to correct such hazards. Upon the issuance of a Hazardous Facility Order under TRA Rule 1220-04-05-.47(9), the docket 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 take action, as needed, to ensure that an opportunity for hearing is extended in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act and the TRA Rules. 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 This standing delegation of authority shall continue until rescinded by the Authority.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