



## Form 8 - Writ of Inquiry

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Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or comments regarding this information or any other MTAS website material.

Sincerely,

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## WRIT OF INQUIRY

State of Tennessee

County of \_\_\_\_\_

TO THE SHERIFF OF \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY, TENNESSEE

A petition has been filed in the Circuit Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Tennessee, for the condemnation of certain rights described fully in the petition.

Now, therefore, as provided by the eminent domain laws of the state of Tennessee, you are commanded to summon the following to act as a Jury of View and to appear on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock in open court in the Circuit Court of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Tennessee, at *[insert the place where the court sits]*:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Alternative:

The Jury of View will be sworn and instructed, and will go immediately to the premises, hear the testimony of witnesses, but no argument of counsel, and set apart by metes and bounds the property to be condemned, and inquire and assess the damages resulting from this taking, and report its findings in writing by each member of the Jury of View or a majority of them, which report shall be delivered to you and by you returned to this court.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of this court on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*[insert herein the name of the clerk of court]*

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Clerk or Deputy Clerk)

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