

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**December 15, 2015**

**IN RE:**

**PETITION OF KINGSPORT POWER COMPANY  
D/B/A AEP APPALACHIAN POWER FOR A  
GENERAL RATE INCREASE**

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**DOCKET NO.  
15-00093**

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**ORDER GRANTING KINGSPORT POWER COMPANY'S MOTION TO WITHDRAW  
PETITION INITIATING A GENERAL RATE CASE**

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This matter is before the Hearing Officer of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority" or "TRA") upon a *Motion to Withdraw Petition Initiating a General Rate Case* ("*Motion*") filed with the TRA on December 11, 2015. In its *Motion*, Kingsport Power Company d/b/a AEP Appalachian Power ("Kingsport") notes that it included in its Petition considerable discussion of an alternative ratemaking mechanism, which Kingsport intended to file later during the rate case proceedings. Further, Kingsport states that it determined, during the Status Conference held on December 8, 2015, that it would likely not meet the requirements of Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103(d)(6)(B) and would not be able to proceed on its anticipated alternative ratemaking mechanism petition until the conclusion of its rate case. Finally, because its Petition and the discovery requests of the intervening parties, particularly the Consumer Protection and Advocate Division of the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate"), are replete with references and questions pertaining to its anticipated mechanism, Kingsport has determined that the best course of action is to withdraw its current Petition, subject

to refiling, and file a new Petition for a base rate case without an alternative ratemaking mechanism component.

During the Status Conference on December 8, 2015, in conjunction with the discovery disputes, an extensive discussion ensued concerning the impact of combining the base rate case with Kingsport's anticipated, but not yet filed, alternative rate mechanism. Thereafter, the Hearing Officer made certain verbal rulings concerning the anticipated date for a hearing, the discovery disputes at issue, and the adjustment of procedural deadlines in light of such rulings.

Upon review and due consideration of Kingsport's *Motion*, the Hearing Officer finds the *Motion* well-taken, and, for the reasons given therein, further concludes that Kingsport should be permitted to withdraw its Petition in Docket No. 15-00093 and to file a new Petition, as expeditiously as possible, for a base rate case without an alternative ratemaking mechanism component. This Order supersedes the verbal rulings made by the Hearing Officer during the Status Conference. Upon Kingsport's filing of a new base rate petition, in a new docket file, this docket shall be closed.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED.**

  
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Kelly Cashman-Grams, Hearing Officer