BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

February 24, 20	February 24, 2016	
IN RE:		
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PETITION OF KINGSPORT POWER COMPANY)	DOCKET NO.	
D/B/A AEP APPALACHIAN POWER FOR A)	16-00001	
GENERAL RATE CASE)		

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This matter came before the Hearing Officer of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("Authority" or "TRA") at a Status Conference held on February 18, 2016 to establish a procedural schedule for the orderly administration of these proceedings. The goal and design of any procedural schedule is to efficiently move the proceedings forward to a hearing and final conclusion on the merits. Nevertheless, a procedural schedule's effectiveness directly depends on cooperation by the parties in meeting the individual benchmark dates.

Subsequent to the Status Conference, Kingsport Power Company d/b/a AEP Appalachian Power ("Kingsport" or "KPC") filed a Request of Petitioner Regarding Date for Filing of Intervenors' Testimony ("Kingsport's Request") on February 19, 2016 in which it requests that the Hearing Officer set the date for Intervenors' Pre-filed Testimony for June 29, 2016 because KPC needs adequate time to review the Intervenors' Pre-Filed Testimony before it can take discovery and develop rebuttal testimony. The Consumer Protection and Advocate Division of the Office of the Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate" or "CPAD") filed its Consumer Advocate Response to Request of Petitioner Regarding Date for Filing of Intervenor's Testimony on February 22, 2016 asking that the Hearing Officer deny KPC's motion to re-set the date on which Intervenors' Pre-Filed Testimony is due. Also on February 22, 2016, Tennessee Solar Energy Industries Association

("TenneSEIA") and The Alliance for Solar Choice ("TASC") filed their *Response of TenneSEIA* and *TASC to February 19, 2016 Motion of Kingsport Power* urging the Hearing Officer to disregard KPC's motion and issue a schedule on the filings and arguments previously made at the Status Conference.

Upon due consideration, the Hearing Officer grants, in part, and denies, in part, *Kingsport's Request*. After the Status Conference, the Hearing Officer further reviewed all of the components of the entire procedural schedule and considered the need to allocate time to address any potential discovery disputes. The Hearing Officer finds that the dates proposed at the Status Conference are insufficient to address the needs of this docket. Therefore, the Hearing Officer hereby establishes the Procedural Schedule set forth in **Exhibit A** attached to this Order.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED.

Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE EXHIBIT A Docket No. 16-00001

February 23, 2016

Due Date	Filling/Action
February 23, 2016	Petitioner's Responses to CPAD 1 st Round Discovery Requests**
March 4, 2016	Motions to Compel on 1st round of discovery (if necessary)
March 11, 2016	Responses to Motions to Compel
March 14, 2016	Status Conference on Discovery
March 23, 2016	Supplemental Discovery due (based on ruling on Motions to Compel)
March 31, 2016	2 nd Round CPAD Discovery Requests;
	Intervenor Discovery Requests
April 21, 2016	Petitioner Responses to CPAD 2 nd Round Discovery Request
April 29, 2016	Motions to Compel on CPAD 2 nd Round Discovery Requests (if necessary);
	Petitioner Responses to Intervenor Discovery Requests
May 6, 2016	Responses to Motions to Compel
May 9, 2016	Status Conference on Discovery
May 25, 2016	Supplemental Discovery due (based on ruling on Motions to Compel)
June 24, 2016	Intervenor Pre-Filed Testimony due***
July 8, 2016	KPC Discovery Requests due
July 20, 2016	Intervenor Discovery Responses due**
TBD	Status Conference on Discovery (if necessary)
July 27, 2016	KPC Rebuttal Testimony due****

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE EXHIBIT A

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Due Date - Pling/Action	
August 4, 2016	Pre-hearing Conference
August 8, 2016	Hearing on the Merits

- ** Copies of all discovery exchanged between the parties shall be filed with the Authority within 3 days of the exchange of information. All spreadsheets shall be filed in Excel format with working formulas intact.
- ***Any pre-filed testimony concerning the revenue requirement should include all supporting worksheets in Excel format with working formulas intact.
- **** Rebuttal Testimony should be limited only to issues raised in the Intervenors' Direct Testimony and should include the page and line number of the Intervenors' testimony that is being rebutted.