

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

November 15, 2017

IN RE:)	
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PETITION OF KINGSPORT POWER COMPANY)	DOCKET NO.
D/B/A AEP APPALACHIAN POWER)	17-00087
REQUESTING THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC)	
UTILITY COMMISSION COMMENCE A)	
CONTESTED CASE TO RESOLVE IN)	
KINGSPORT'S FAVOR A BOUNDARY DISPUTE)	

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This matter is before the Hearing Officer of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“Commission” or “TPUC”) to establish a procedural schedule for the prompt and orderly conduct 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.

On October 23, 2017, Kingsport Power Company d/b/a AEP Appalachian Power (“KPC”) filed a *Motion for Expedited Proceedings* (“*Motion*”) and *Bristol Tennessee Essential Services* (“BTES”) filed a response on October 30, 2017. In its *Motion*, KPC requests that this docket be expedited “by establishing a tight schedule so as to permit this boundary dispute to be

determined as soon as practical.”¹ BTES agreed with the *Motion*.² On November 2, 2017, the parties emailed the Hearing Officer a proposed procedural schedule.

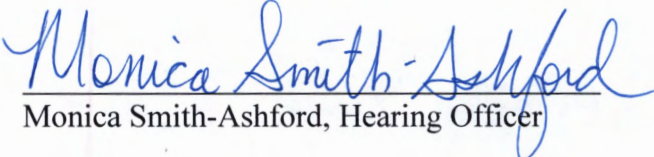
The Hearing Officer finds that it is necessary to expedite these proceedings because in January 2018, the Sullivan County School System anticipates breaking ground on the new school, which is at the heart of this boundary dispute. The Hearing Officer, therefore, determines that KPC’s *Motion* should be granted and establishes a procedural schedule based on the preferences of the parties.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The *Motion for Expedited Proceedings* filed by Kingsport Power Company d/b/a AEP Appalachian Power on October 23, 2017 is granted.

2. The Procedural Schedule is established as set forth in **Exhibit A** attached to this Order.

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Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer

¹ *Motion*, p. 1 (October 23, 2017).

² See *Response of Bristol Tennessee Essential Services to Motions for Temporary injunction and for Expedited Proceedings*, p. 2 (October 30, 2017).

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Due Date	Filing
November 6, 2017	BTES Discovery Requests to KPC
November 10, 2017	KPC Responses to BTES Discovery Requests
November 16, 2017	BTES Pre-filed Testimony
November 21, 2017	KPC Discovery Requests to BTES
November 28, 2017	BTES Responses to KPC Discovery Requests
December 1, 2017	KPC Pre-filed Rebuttal Testimony *
December 1, 2017	Pre-hearing Conference (by telephone)
December 4, 2017	Legal Briefs due
December 12, 2017	Target Date for Hearing on the Merits

* KPC's Rebuttal Testimony should be limited to issues raised in BTES's Direct Testimony. KPC's Rebuttal Testimony should include the page and line number of BTES's testimony that is being rebutted.

EXHIBIT A