

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

August 16, 2018

IN RE:

PETITION OF CHATTANOOGA GAS COMPANY FOR
APPROVAL OF AN ADJUSTMENT IN RATES AND
TARIFF; THE TERMINATION OF THE AUA
MECHANISM AND THE RELATED TARIFF CHANGES
AND REVENUE DEFICIENCY RECOVER; AND AN
ANNUAL RATE REVIEW MECHANISM

DOCKET NO.
18-00017

PRE-HEARING ORDER

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-306(d) and TPUC Rule 1220-1-2-.12, this matter came before the Hearing Officer of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“Commission” or “TPUC”) at a Pre-Hearing Conference held on August 9, 2018 in Chattanooga, TN. The Pre-Hearing Conference was held to establish the orderly conduct of the hearing which will begin at **9:00 a.m. (CDT) on Monday, August 20, 2018**. Chattanooga Gas Company (“CGC”), the Consumer Protection and Advocate Division of the Office of the Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”), and the Chattanooga Regional Manufacturers Association (“CMA”), the parties in this matter, participated in the Pre-Hearing Conference.

PROCEDURAL MATTERS

A. Notice of Hearing & Public Comment

The purpose of the hearing is to consider the *Petition of Chattanooga Gas Company for Approval of an Adjustment in Rates and Tariff; the Termination of the AUA Mechanism and the Related Tariff Changes and Revenue Deficiency Recovery; and an Annual Rate Review Mechanism*,

filed on February 15, 2018, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103 *et seq.* On August 10, 2018, a *Notice of Hearing* was issued notifying the public that the hearing will be held at 9:00 a.m. (CDT) on Monday, August 20, 2018. As was included in the notice, members of the public are encouraged to participate by filing written comments in the docket file and/or presenting verbal comments during the hearing.

B. Opening Statements

After any preliminary matters are considered, each party is permitted fifteen (15) minutes to present an opening statement. CGC will present its opening statement first, followed by the Consumer Advocate, and then CMA.

C. Witnesses

During direct examination, a time limit has been established for each witness to summarize pre-filed testimony. In addition, each witness remains subject to recall for rebuttal purposes and should be available throughout the length of the proceedings. The witnesses and time limits are set forth below. CGC will present fifteen (15) witnesses, and the Consumer Advocate will present three (3) witnesses. The parties have stipulated to the testimony of CMA's witnesses. However, CMA's witnesses will be made available if there are any questions.

- CGC's witnesses:

1. Wendell Dallas (10 minutes)
2. Dr. James Vander Weide (10 minutes)
3. Greg MacLeod (5 minutes)
4. Dane Watson (5 minutes)
5. Mike Adams (10 minutes)
6. Heath Brooks (10 minutes)

7. James Garvie (5 minutes)
8. Gary Tucker (10 minutes)
9. Mike Morley (5 minutes)
10. Debbie Santolin (10 minutes)
11. Jacob Ziliak (5 minutes)
12. Chris Bellinger (5 minutes)
13. Dan Yardley (10 minutes)
14. Archie Hickerson (10 minutes)
15. John Cogburn (10 minutes)

- Consumer Advocate's witness:

1. William H. Novak, WHN Consulting (15-20 minutes)
2. David Dittmore (15-20 minutes)
3. Dr. Chris Klein (15-20 minutes)

D. Exhibits

Each party should have its own copy of all exhibits, including those appended to pre-filed testimony, available for reference during the hearing, and is responsible for supplying a sufficient number of copies of any exhibits that it intends to reference or discuss with a witness. A party should use its own judgment and discretion in determining the total number of copies to have on hand, but at a minimum, copies of an exhibit should be provided to the court reporter, each Commissioner, Legal Staff, and each Commission Division Director. Delaying or interrupting the proceedings to make copies is disfavored and, in the discretion of the panel, may not be permitted.

E. Technological And Other Special Requests

The parties informed the Hearing Officer that they do not have any audiovisual or other

technical needs for the Hearing.

F. Examination of Witnesses and Questions by the Commission

While re-direct examination of a witness is allowed, the parties are reminded that it is to be limited to matters elicited during cross-examination that require clarification. It is not appropriate to raise new issues during re-direct examination. Re-cross examination is not permitted except in the event that a new issue is raised during the immediately preceding re-direct examination. The Commission's Advisory Staff has the opportunity to ask questions following cross-examination, before re-direct examination. The parties should be aware that the Commissioners might ask questions at any time during a witness's testimony and after cross-examination.

G. Closing Arguments

The parties will file post-hearing briefs in lieu of closing arguments.

H. Preliminary Matters/Motions

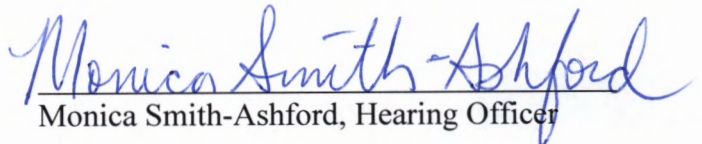
The parties should make the Hearing Officer aware of any other preliminary matters as soon as possible in advance of the Hearing.

I. Summary Outline of Hearing

For the convenience of the presiding panel and the parties, a *Procedural Outline of Hearing* has been provided as Attachment A to this Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The hearing scheduled to begin at **9:00 a.m. (CDT) on August 20, 2018**, shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements and deadlines set forth in this Pre-Hearing Order unless otherwise ordered by the Chair or presiding Commissioner.


Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer

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PROCEDURAL OUTLINE OF HEARING

HEARING ON THE MERITS

- Scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. (CDT) on August 20, 2018
- A. Hearing Convened by Chair Morrison & Introductions
- B. Miscellaneous or Pre-Hearing matters
- C. Public comments, if any
- D. Opening Statements- 15 minutes
 - 1. Chattanooga Gas Company (“CGC”)
 - 2. Consumer Advocate (or “CPAD”)
 - 3. Chattanooga Regional Manufacturers Association (“CMA”)
- E. Witness Testimony

1) **CGC witness**- Wendell Dallas

- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn -

Witness Summary of Direct	Limited to 10 minutes
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Cross-examination	Consumer Advocate
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Cross-examination	CMA
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Questions	TPUC Advisory Staff ¹
Re-direct examination	CGC
2) <u>CGC witness</u>- Dr. Vander Weide	
- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn -	
Witness Summary of Direct	Limited to 10 minutes
Cross-examination	Consumer Advocate
Cross-examination	CMA
Questions	TPUC Advisory Staff
Re-direct examination	CGC
3) <u>CGC witness</u>- Greg MacLeod	
- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn -	
Witness Summary of Direct	Limited to 5 minutes
Cross-examination	Consumer Advocate
Cross-examination	CMA
Questions	TPUC Advisory Staff
Re-direct examination	CGC
4) <u>CGC witness</u>- Dane Watson (needs to testify on 8/20 or 8/21)	
- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn -	
Witness Summary of Direct	Limited to 5 minutes
Cross-examination	Consumer Advocate
Cross-examination	CMA
Questions	TPUC Advisory Staff

¹ While the Commissioners may ask questions at any time, the TPUC Advisory Staff may directly question a witness between cross and re-direct examination.

Re-direct examination	CGC
5) <u>CGC witness</u>- Mike Adams	
- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn -	
Witness Summary of Direct	Limited to 10 minutes
Cross-examination	Consumer Advocate
Cross-examination	CMA
Questions	TPUC Advisory Staff
Re-direct examination	CGC
6) <u>CGC witness</u>- Heath Brooks	
- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn -	
Witness Summary of Direct	Limited to 10 minutes
Cross-examination	Consumer Advocate
Cross-examination	CMA
Questions	TPUC Advisory Staff
Re-direct examination	CGC
7) <u>CGC witness</u>- James Garvie (needs to testify 8/23, 8/24, or 8/25)	
- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn -	
Witness Summary of Direct	Limited to 5 minutes
Cross-examination	Consumer Advocate
Cross-examination	CMA
Questions	TPUC Advisory Staff
Re-direct examination	CGC
8) <u>CGC witness</u>- Gary Tucker	

- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn -

Witness Summary of Direct	Limited to 10 minutes
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Cross-examination	Consumer Advocate
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Cross-examination	CMA
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Questions	TPUC Advisory Staff
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Re-direct examination	CGC
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9) CGC witness- Mike Morley

- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn -

Witness Summary of Direct	Limited to 5 minutes
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Cross-examination	Consumer Advocate
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Cross-examination	CMA
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Questions	TPUC Advisory Staff
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Re-direct examination	CGC
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10) CGC witness- Debbie Santolin

- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn -

Witness Summary of Direct	Limited to 10 minutes
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Cross-examination	Consumer Advocate
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Cross-examination	CMA
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Questions	TPUC Advisory Staff
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Re-direct examination	CGC
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11) CGC witness- Jacob Ziliak

- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn -

Witness Summary of Direct	Limited to 5 minutes
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Cross-examination	Consumer Advocate
Cross-examination	CMA
Questions	TPUC Advisory Staff
Re-direct examination	CGC

12) CGC witness- Chris Bellinger

- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn -

Witness Summary of Direct	Limited to 5 minutes
Cross-examination	Consumer Advocate
Cross-examination	CMA
Questions	TPUC Advisory Staff
Re-direct examination	CGC

13) CGC witness- Dan Yardley (needs to leave 8/22 Wed. afternoon)

- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn -

Witness Summary of Direct	Limited to 10 minutes
Cross-examination	Consumer Advocate
Cross-examination	CMA
Questions	TPUC Advisory Staff
Re-direct examination	CGC

14) CGC witness- Archie Hickerson

- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn -

Witness Summary of Direct	Limited to 10 minutes
Cross-examination	Consumer Advocate
Cross-examination	CMA

Questions	TPUC Advisory Staff
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Re-direct examination	CGC
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15) CGC witness- John Cogburn

- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn -

Witness Summary of Direct	Limited to 10 minutes
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Cross-examination	Consumer Advocate
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Cross-examination	CMA
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Questions	TPUC Advisory Staff
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Re-direct examination	CGC
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16) Consumer Advocate witness- William H. Novak

- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn -

Witness Summary of Direct	Limited to 15-20 minutes
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Cross-examination	CGC
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Questions	TPUC Advisory Staff
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Re-direct examination	Consumer Advocate
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17) Consumer Advocate witness- David Dittmore

- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn -

Witness Summary of Direct	Limited to 15-20 minutes
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Cross-examination	CGC
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Questions	TPUC Advisory Staff
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Re-direct examination	Consumer Advocate
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18) Consumer Advocate witness- Dr. Chris Klein

- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn -

Witness Summary of Direct

Limited to 15-20 minutes

Cross-examination

CGC

Questions

TPUC Advisory Staff

Re-direct examination

Consumer Advocate

F. Public comments, if any

G. Hearing Adjourned