

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

September 26, 2019

IN RE:)	
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CHATTANOOGA GAS COMPANY)	DOCKET NO.
COMPLIANCE FILING AND REPORT)	18-00035

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 orderly administration of these proceedings. At the request of the Hearing Officer, Chattanooga Gas Company (“CGC” or the “Company”) and the Consumer Advocate Unit in the Financial Division of the Office of the Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”), the parties in this matter, attempted to establish a joint proposed procedural schedule. However, the parties could not reach an agreement on certain dates within the procedural schedule.

On August 28, 2019, the Consumer Advocate filed *Consumer Advocate’s Proposed Procedural Schedule to Address Remaining Issues Stemming from the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act* and CGC filed *Chattanooga Gas Company’s Proposed Procedural Schedule to Address Outstanding Issues Associated with the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act* (“CGC Proposed Procedural Schedule”) on August 29, 2019. The main area of disagreement between the parties centered around the Company’s desire to file rebuttal testimony and post-hearing briefs regarding its contention that the 2018 tax savings should be retained by the Company.¹

¹ CGC Proposed Procedural Schedule, p. 2 (August 29, 2019).

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. The Hearing Officer hereby establishes the Procedural Schedule set forth in **Exhibit A** attached to this Order. A determination on whether the parties will file post-hearing briefs or present closing arguments during the Hearing on the merits will be made at a later date.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED.


Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

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Due Date	Filing/Activity
September 13, 2019	CGC's Pre-Filed Direct Testimony
September 27, 2019	Consumer Advocate's First Discovery Requests
October 11, 2019	CGC's Responses to First Discovery Requests
October 25, 2019	Consumer Advocate's 2nd Discovery Requests
November 8, 2019	CGC's Responses to 2nd Discovery Requests
November 27, 2019	Consumer Advocate's Pre-Filed Testimony
December 6, 2019	CGC's Discovery Requests to Consumer Advocate
December 20, 2019	Consumer Advocate's Discovery Responses
January 10, 2020	CGC's Pre-Filed Rebuttal Testimony
TBD	Pre-Hearing Status Conference
February Commission Conference	Target Date for Hearing on the Merits

- All filings shall be filed in the TPUC docket room by 2:00 p.m. (central) on the date due.
- Nothing herein restricts the parties from participating in additional informal discovery.
- Copies of all discovery exchanged between the parties shall be filed with TPUC within 3 business days of the exchange of information.
- For all spreadsheets, a copy shall be filed in Excel format with working formulas intact. This includes spreadsheets that are exhibits to Pre-filed Testimony.
- Rebuttal Testimony is limited only to issues raised in the Consumer Advocate's Direct Testimony and should include the page and line number of the Consumer Advocate's testimony that is being rebutted.