

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**February 14, 2020**

**IN RE:**

**CHATTANOOGA GAS COMPANY COMPLIANCE  
FILING AND REPORT**

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**DOCKET NO.  
18-00035**

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**PRE-HEARING ORDER**

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Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-306(d) and Commission Rule 1220-1-2-.12, this matter is before the Hearing Officer to establish the orderly conduct of the Hearing in this matter. On February 6, 2020, the Hearing Officer held a telephone conference with the parties, Chattanooga Gas Company (“CGC” or the “Company”) and the Consumer Advocate Division in the Financial Unit of the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”), an intervening party, to discuss the procedural aspects of the Hearing.

**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

**A. Notice of Hearing & Public Comment**

The purpose of the Hearing is to consider the *Chattanooga Gas Company Compliance Filing and Report* filed on March 29, 2018, regarding CGC’s proposals for rate reductions and other accounting adjustments as a result of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. On February 7, 2020, a *Notice of Hearing* was issued notifying the public that the Hearing will be held during the Commission Conference scheduled to begin at **1:00 p.m. CST on Tuesday, February 18,**

**2020.** 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 five (5) to ten (10) minutes to present an opening statement. CGC will present its opening statement first, followed by the Consumer Advocate.

### **C. Witnesses**

During direct examination, a time limit has been established for each witness to summarize his/her pre-filed testimony. In addition, each witness should be advised that they remain subject to recall for rebuttal purposes and should remain available throughout the length of the proceedings. The witnesses and time limits are set forth below.

- CGC will present the following witness:
  1. Gary Tucker, Manager Regulatory Reporting for Southern Company Gas (10 minutes)
- The Consumer Advocate will present the following witness:
  1. David Dittmore, Financial Analyst, Consumer Advocate (10 minutes)

### **D. Exhibits**

The parties should exchange any demonstrative exhibits related to a witness's pre-filed testimony by February 13, 2020. 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.

Further, the parties have informed the Hearing Officer they do not have any audiovisual needs for the Hearing.

#### **E. 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.

#### **F. Closing Statements**

Each party is permitted ten (10) to fifteen (15) minutes to present a closing statement. The Consumer Advocate will present its closing statement first, followed by CGC.


#### **G. 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 SO ORDERED THAT:**

The Hearing scheduled to be held **on February 18, 2020, during the Commission Conference scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. CST** 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**

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Time/Date: **February 18, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. (CST)**

- Location:   Hearing Room G.201  
                  Andrew Jackson State Office Building  
                  500 Deaderick Street, Nashville, TN

**Hearing on the Merits**

Hearing Convened by Chair /Presiding Commissioner and Introductions

A. Opening Statements (5-10 minutes each):

- 1) CGC
- 2) Consumer Advocate

B. Witness Testimony:

**CGC Witness**

**Gary Tucker, Mgr. Regulatory Reporting-  
Southern Company**

- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn -

Summary of pre-filed testimony

Ten (10) minutes

Cross-examination

Consumer Advocate

Questions

TPUC Commissioners and/or Advisory Staff

Re-direct examination

CGC

Re-cross examination

(if requested & determined appropriate)

**Consumer Advocate Witness**

**Dave Dittemore, Financial Analyst**

- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn -

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Ten (10) minutes

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C. Closing Statements (10-15 minutes each):

1) Consumer Advocate

2) CGC

D. Public Comment

E. Hearing Adjourned