

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

February 14, 2020

IN RE:

PETITION OF NAVITAS TN NG, LLC FOR APPROVAL  
OF AN ADJUSTMENT IN THE RATES, CHARGES AND  
TARIFFS

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DOCKET NO.  
19-00057

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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, Navitas TN NG, LLC (“Navitas” 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 *Petition of Navitas TN NG, LLC for Approval of an Adjustment in the Rates, Charges, and Tariffs* filed on July 3, 2019. 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**

Each party will be permitted five (5) minutes to present an opening statement. Navitas will present its opening statement first, followed by the Consumer Advocate.

## **C. Exhibits & Documents**

The parties should exchange any demonstrative exhibits related to a witness's Pre-Filed Testimony prior to the Hearing. 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.

## **D. Technological and Other Special Requests**

The parties informed the Hearing Officer that provisions for visual display aids and technology are not necessary for the Hearing.

## **E. Witnesses**

The Consumer Advocate will call its three (3) witnesses first to summarize their Pre-Filed Testimony. The Consumer Advocate will call David Dittmore, who will have ten (10) minutes to summarize his testimony. Mr. Dittmore will be followed by Dr. Chris Klein and Alex Bradley, who will have five (5) minutes each to provide their summaries. Navitas will call its witness, Thomas Hartline, who will have ten (10) minutes to provide his summary. Mr. Hartline will be testifying by phone, subject to the conditions set forth in the *Order Granting Electronic Participation in Hearing* issued on February 12, 2020.

The parties have indicated there are no disputed issues in the docket and have waived cross-

examination of witnesses. However, the parties should be aware that the Commission's Advisory Staff may ask questions of the witnesses. In addition, the Commissioners may ask questions of the witness at any time during a witness's testimony.

**F. Closing Statements**

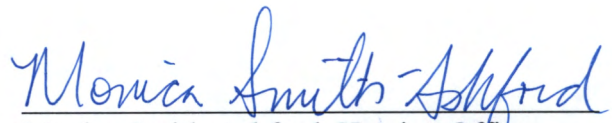
The parties have waived closing statements.

**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 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 Presiding Commissioner and Introductions

**A. Opening Statements (5 minutes each):**

- 1) Navitas
- 2) Consumer Advocate

**B. Witness Testimony:**

**Consumer Advocate Witness**

**Dave Dittimore, Financial Analyst**

- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn -

Summary of Pre-Filed Testimony

Ten (10) minutes

Questions

TPUC Commissioners and/or Advisory Staff

**Consumer Advocate Witness**

**Dr. Chris Klein, Consultant**

- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn -

Summary of Pre-Filed Testimony

Five (5) minutes

Questions

TPUC Commissioners and/or Advisory Staff

**Consumer Advocate Witness**

**Alex Bradley, Accounting & Tariff Specialist**

- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn -

Summary of Pre-Filed Testimony

Five (5) minutes

Questions

TPUC Commissioners and/or Advisory Staff

**Navitas Witness**

**Thomas Hartline, President & Treasurer-  
Navitas**

- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn -

Summary of Pre-Filed Testimony

Ten (10) minutes

Questions

TPUC Commissioners and/or Advisory Staff

C. Public Comment

D. Hearing Adjourned