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## **Notice of Rulemaking Hearing**

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Agency/Board/Commission:	Tennessee Public Utility Commission
Division:	Utilities
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**Hearing Location(s)** (for additional locations, copy and paste table)

Address 1:	This meeting will be held by electronically by WebEx.	
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	Global call-in numbers are available online at:	
	https://tngov.webex.com/tngov/globalcallin.php?MTID=m031bfd0601f3916472d2a3c60a4da915	
	Video conferencing is currently permitted by Executive Order. In the event that electronic hearings are no longer permitted on the scheduled hearing date, the rulemaking hearing will be held in the ground floor Hearing Room 201 (HR G.201) located within the Andrew Jackson State Office Building, 500 Deaderick Street, Nashville, TN 37243. The entrance is located off 5th Street between Deaderick Street and Charlotte Avenue. Please bring a state-issued identification card (driver's license or ID) and arrive early enough to allow sufficient time to go through security screening and obtain a visitor's pass.	
Hearing Date:	July 22, 2020	
Hearing Time:	1:00 p.m.	

## **Additional Hearing Information:**

The Rulemaking Hearing will be held via the WebEx platform. Meeting information will be posted on tn.gov/tpuc in Docket No. 19-00108 the day before the hearing on July 21.

Rev	ision Type (check all that apply):
	Amendment
	New
	Repeal

**Rule(s)** (**ALL** chapters and rules contained in filing must be listed. If needed, copy and paste additional tables to accommodate more than one chapter. Please enter only **ONE** Rule Number/Rule Title per row.)

Chapter Number	Chapter Title
1220-04-01	General Public Utilities Rules
Rule Number	Rule Title
1220-04-0113	Extensions of Service to Contiguous Territory

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Rule 1220-04-01-.13 Extensions of Service to Contiguous Territory is created by adding the following language in its entirety:

- (1) For purposes of this Rule, "contiguous" means immediately adjacent; sharing at least one significant common boundary line. A geographic feature such as a roadway or stream along the common boundary line will not negate contiguity. However, any intervening land or significant body of water will prohibit territories from being contiguous. An extension that traverses unoccupied territory that will not be served by the extension is not contiguous.
- (2) Neither a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CCN"), nor an amendment to an existing CCN, shall be required for the extension of public utility service into territory that is contiguous to the territory occupied by such public utility's plant, route, line, or system, when:
  - (a) The contiguous territory is not receiving similar service from another utility service provider; and,
  - (b) The contiguous territory is not located within the designated service territory of another utility providing similar service.
- (3) A public utility shall provide written notice to the Commission of its intention to construct, acquire, or commence operation of a utility system or service in territory that is contiguous to the service territory already designated to the public utility for the provision of service of a like character.

  Concerning such written notice, the public utility shall:
  - (a) File notice with the docket clerk for the Commission at least thirty (30) days before constructing, acquiring, or commencing operation of such utility system or service; and,
  - (b) Provide notice in a form approved by the Commission; which shall include identification of the area to be served by the extension and other information required by the Commission in the performance of its statutory general supervisory and regulatory duties.
- (4) In addition to the written notice to the Commission required by paragraph three (3) herein, if applicable, the public utility shall:
  - (a) Provide to the Commission proof of notice to the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation ("TDEC") of the extension of service of contiguous territory;
  - (b) Provide to the Commission documentation of TDEC permits, permit modifications and/or amendments, or other approval documents certifying appropriate capacity, technical ability, and/or ability to provide service; and,
  - (c) Provide to the Commission documentation concerning any Notice of Violation issued by TDEC or any other entity of government concerning the operations of the utility plant, route, line, or system to be extended.

Authority: T.C.A. §§ 4-5-201 et seq., 65-2-102, 65-3-106 (see Acts 1995, Ch. 305 § 11), and 65-4-201.

I certify that the information included in this filing is an accurate and complete representation of the intent and scope of rulemaking proposed by the agency.

Date: May 28, 2020

Signature: Killy Cashnangans

Name of Officer: Kelly Cashman Grams

Title of Officer: General Counsel

Subscribed and sworn to before me on: May 28, 2020

Notary Public Signature:

My commission expires on: 3/8/2022

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