

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**February 25, 2022**

**IN RE:**

**JOINT REQUEST OF CHATTANOOGA GAS COMPANY  
AND KORDSA, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF SPECIAL  
CONTRACT**

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**DOCKET NO.  
21-00094**

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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 came before the Hearing Officer of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“Commission” or “TPUC”) at a Pre-Hearing Conference held via teleconference on February 18, 2022. The Pre-Hearing Conference was held to establish the orderly conduct of the Hearing on the *Joint Request of Chattanooga Gas Company and Kordsa, Inc. for Approval of Special Contract* (“*Joint Request*”) scheduled to be held during the Commission Conference beginning at 9:00 a.m. (CST) on Monday, February 28, 2022. Chattanooga Gas Company (“Chattanooga Gas”), Kordsa, Inc. (“Kordsa”), and the Consumer Advocate Unit in the Financial Division of the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”), the parties in this matter, participated in the Pre-Hearing Conference.

**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

The following order of the Hearing has been established and agreed upon:

#### **A. NOTICE OF HEARING & PUBLIC COMMENT**

On February 18, 2022, a *Notice of Hearing* was issued notifying the public that a Hearing on the *Joint Request* filed on August 24, 2021, will be held during the Commission Conference beginning at **9:00 a.m. CST on Monday, February 28, 2022**. 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 is permitted a maximum of twelve (12) minutes to present an opening statement. Chattanooga Gas will present its opening statement first, followed by Kordsa and then the Consumer Advocate.

#### **C. EXHIBITS & DOCUMENTS**

Chattanooga Gas and Kordsa will provide any demonstrative exhibits related to a witness's pre-filed testimony to the Consumer Advocate by Noon on Tuesday, February 22, 2022. The Consumer Advocate will provide any demonstrative exhibits related to its witness's pre-filed testimony by Thursday, February 24, 2022. Each party should have its own copy of all exhibits, including those appended to pre-filed testimony, available for reference during the Hearing.

#### **D. WITNESSES**

During direct examination, a time limit has been established for each witness to summarize the pre-filed testimony. In addition, each witness should be advised that he or she remains 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:

- **Chattanooga Gas will present Ashley Vette (10 minutes).**
- **Kordsa will present Ben Gibson (10 minutes).**
- **The Consumer Advocate will present William H. Novak (15 minutes).**

#### **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 parties should be aware that the Commissioners might ask questions at any time during a witness's testimony and after cross-examination. The Commission's Advisory Staff will have an opportunity to ask questions as well.

#### **F. Closing Arguments**

The parties have decided to present closing remarks instead of filing post-hearing briefs. Each party will have twelve (12) minutes to present closing remarks. The Consumer Advocate will present its closing arguments first, followed by Chattanooga Gas, then Kordsa.

#### **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 during the Commission Conference beginning at **9:00 a.m.**

CST on **February 28, 2022**, shall be conducted in accordance with the requirements and deadlines set forth in this Pre-Hearing Order unless otherwise ordered by the Chairman or presiding Commissioner.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monica Smith-Ashford". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer

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**PROCEDURAL OUTLINE OF HEARING**

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Time/Date: **During Commission Conference held on February 28, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. (CST)**

**Hearing on the Merits**

Hearing Convened by Presiding Commissioner and Introductions

A. Opening Statements (10 Minutes):

- 1) Chattanooga Gas
- 2) Kordsa
- 3) Consumer Advocate

**ATTACHMENT A**

B. Witness Summaries:

**Chattanooga Gas**

**Ashley Vette, Mgr. Rates & Tariff Administration  
Southern Company Gas**

- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn –

Summary of pre-filed testimony	Ten (10) minutes
Cross-examination	Kordsa
Cross-examination	Consumer Advocate
Re-direct examination	Chattanooga Gas
Re-cross examination	(if requested & determined appropriate)
Questions	TPUC Commissioners and/or Advisory Staff

**Kordsa Witness**

**Ben Gibson, North American Supply Chain Mgr.**

- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn –

Summary of pre-filed testimony	Ten (10) minutes
Cross-examination	Consumer Advocate
Re-direct examination	Kordsa
Re-cross examination	(if requested & determined appropriate)
Questions	TPUC Commissioners and/or Advisory Staff

**Consumer Advocate Witness**

**William H. Novak, WHN Consulting**

- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn -

Summary of pre-filed testimony	Fifteen (15) minutes
Cross-examination	Chattanooga Gas
Cross-examination	Kordsa
Re-direct examination	Consumer Advocate

Re-cross examination  
Questions

(if requested & determined appropriate)  
TPUC Commissioners and/or Advisory Staff

C. Closing Arguments (12 minutes)

- 1) Consumer Advocate
- 2) Chattanooga Gas
- 3) Kordsa

D. Public Comment

E. Hearing Adjourned