

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**May 4, 2022**

<b>IN RE:</b>	)	
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<b>PETITION OF KINGSPORT POWER</b>	)	<b>DOCKET NO.</b>
<b>COMPANY D/B/A AEP APPALACHIAN POWER</b>	)	<b>21-00107</b>
<b>COMPANY FOR A GENERAL RATE</b>	)	
<b>INCREASE</b>	)	

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**ORDER GRANTING *CONSUMER ADVOCATE’S MOTION FOR SUPPLEMENTAL  
DISCOVERY REQUEST***

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This matter is before the Hearing Officer upon the *Consumer Advocate’s Motion to File Discovery Supplemental to First Discovery Request* (“*Motion*”) filed by the Consumer Advocate Unit in the Financial Division of the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”) on January 11, 2022, seeking to supplement its initial discovery requests served on Kingsport Power Company d/b/a AEP Appalachian Power Company (“Kingsport Power” or the “Company”) to include additional questions from a newly hired expert. The Consumer Advocate states its previous expert on the subject of return on equity and cost of capital retired, and it had to proceed with the approval process to hire a new expert, Aaron Rothschild. According to the Consumer Advocate, once Mr. Rothschild was engaged, there was not enough time for him to sign the Protective Order and review the documents to meet the deadline for the first discovery requests. Kingsport Power filed the *Response of Kingsport Power Company d/b/a AEP Appalachian Power to Consumer Advocate’s Motion to File Supplemental Discovery* on January 14, 2022, stating that the Consumer Advocate has already conducted extensive discovery and this *Motion* is a request for a fourth round of discovery. However, Kingsport Power states that it is cooperative and willing to respond to the additional discovery questions, provided the responses are due no sooner than

February 4, 2022. The Hearing Officer finds that the Consumer Advocate's *Motion* is well taken and should be **GRANTED**.<sup>1</sup>

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer

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<sup>1</sup> The Hearing Officer communicated the ruling to the parties via email dated January 31, 2022.