BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

July 28, 2022

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

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF THROUGH AUGUST 8, 2022

This matter is before the Hearing Officer appointed by the voting panel of Commissioners of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission ("Commission" or "TPUC") and designated by General Counsel to administer certain preliminary issues that may arise during the preparation of this matter for hearing before the Commission. On November 17, 2021, Kingsport Power Company d/b/a AEP Appalachian Power ("Kingsport" or the "Company") filed its Petition seeking an adjustment in rates and charges for the provision of electric service. Subsequently, a *Stipulation and Settlement Agreement* was filed on July 7, 2022, along with a proposed tariff with an effective date of August 1, 2022.

Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103(a) permits the Commission, pending a hearing and determination, to suspend any rate increase, change, or alteration for an initial period not to exceed three months from the proposed effective date of such increase, change, or alteration. Because the Commission's investigation, hearing, and final determination on the Company's proposed tariff cannot be completed prior to the effective date of August 1, 2022, the Hearing Officer hereby

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¹ Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103(a).

suspends the effectiveness of the tariff through August 8, 2022.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The effective date of the proposed T.P.U.C. Tariff No. 3 filed with the *Stipulation and Settlement Agreement* on July 7, 2022, is hereby suspended through August 8, 2022, or until further order of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission, whichever occurs sooner.

Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer

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