

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**September 9, 2022**

**IN RE:**

**CHATTANOOGA GAS COMPANY PETITION FOR  
APPROVAL OF TARIFF AMENDMENTS TO ITS T-1, T-2  
AND T-3 TARIFFS**

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**DOCKET NO.  
22-00004**

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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 Pre-Hearing Conferences held via teleconference on August 16, 2022 and September 1, 2022. The Pre-Hearing Conferences were held to establish the orderly conduct of the Hearing on the *Chattanooga Gas Company Petition for Approval of Tariff Amendments to its T-1, T-2, and T-3 Tariffs* (“*Petition*”) scheduled to be held during the Commission Conference beginning at 9:00 a.m. (CDT) on Monday, September 12, 2022. Chattanooga Gas Company (“CGC”), Chattanooga Regional Manufacturers Association (“CRMA”), 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 Conferences.

**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

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

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

On September 2, 2022, a *Notice of Hearing* was issued notifying the public that a Hearing on the *Petition* filed on January 14, 2022, will be held during the Commission Conference beginning at **9:00 a.m. CDT on Monday, September 12, 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 ten (10) minutes to present an opening statement. Chattanooga Gas will present its opening statement first, followed by the Consumer Advocate, and then CRMA.

## **C. EXHIBITS & DOCUMENTS**

The parties will provide any demonstrative exhibits related to a witness's pre-filed testimony by September 7, 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, witnesses should be advised that they should not discuss their testimony with other witnesses, and they remain 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:**

- **Greg Becker and Chris Bellinger** presented together as a panel (10 minutes)
- **Tiffany Ferrell** (10 minutes)
- **Archie Hickerson** (10 minutes)
- **The Consumer Advocate will present:**
  - **David Dittmore** (10 minutes)
- **CRMA will present:**
  - **Jim Crist** (10 minutes)
  - **Chance Donahue** (5-10 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. Post-Hearing Briefs**

The parties have decided to file post-hearing briefs instead of presenting closing remarks at the Hearing. Post-hearing briefs are to be filed two weeks after the transcript from the Hearing becomes available.

## 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. CDT on September 12, 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.

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Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer

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**PROCEDURAL OUTLINE OF HEARING**

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Time/Date: **During Commission Conference held on September 12, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. (CDT)**

**Hearing on the Merits**

Hearing Convened by Presiding Commissioner and Introductions

A. Opening Statements (10 Minutes each):

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

**ATTACHMENT A**

B. Witness Summaries:

**Chattanooga Gas**

**Greg Becker** Dir. Of Capacity Planning for Southern Co. &  
**Chris Bellinger** Gas Supply Mgr. Southern Operations for Southern  
Co.

- Oath Administered/Witness Sworn –

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

**Chattanooga Gas**

**Tiffany Ferrell – VP of Operations Chattanooga Gas**

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**Chattanooga Gas**

**Archie Hickerson – Dir. Of Rates & Tariff Administration  
for Southern Company Gas**

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**Consumer Advocate Witness**

**David Dittimore, Consultant**

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**CRMA Witness**

**Jim Crist, President, Lumen Group**

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**CRMA Witness**

**Chance Donahue, Utilities Mgr. for Kordsa, Inc.**

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C. Public Comment

D. Hearing Adjourned