

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**IN RE:**

**CHATTANOOGA GAS COMPANY PETITION FOR  
APPROVAL OF ITS 2021 ANNUAL RATE REVIEW  
FILING PURSUANT TO TENN. CODE ANN. § 65-5-  
103(d)(6)**

)  
)  
) **DOCKET NO.**  
) **22-00032**  
)  
)

---

**PRE-HEARING ORDER**

---

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 July 27, 2022. The Pre-Hearing Conference was held to establish the orderly conduct of the hearing on the *Chattanooga Gas Company Petition for Approval of Its 2021 Annual Rate Review Filing* (“*Petition*”), as revised by the *Joint Status Report and Identification of Remaining Disputed Issues* (“*Joint Status Report*”) filed on July 14, 2022. The hearing is scheduled during the Commission Conference to be held at 9:00 a.m. (CDT) on Monday, August 8, 2022. Chattanooga Gas Company (“CGC”) and the Consumer Advocate Unit in the Financial Division of the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”), and the Chattanooga Regional Manufacturers Association (“CRMA”) the parties in this matter, participated in the Pre-Hearing Conference.

**MOTION TO STRIKE**

On July 14, 2022, CGC filed *Chattanooga Gas Company’s Motion to Strike, or in the Alternative, to Transfer Certain of the Testimony of Chattanooga Regional Manufacturers*

*Association* (“*Motion to Strike*”) seeking to strike certain testimony related to incremental gas as irrelevant to this docket. CRMA filed its *Response to Motion of Chattanooga Gas Company to Strike or Transfer Certain Testimony* (“*Response*”) on July 21, 2022, denying CGC’s claims that the issue of incremental gas is irrelevant to this docket. During the Pre-Hearing Conference, CGC and CRMA informed the Hearing Officer they had reached an agreement on the *Motion to Strike* concerning the issue of incremental gas. The parties agreed to move the issue to Docket No. 22-00004, *In Re: Chattanooga Gas Company Petition for Approval Of Tariff Amendments To Its T-1, T-2 And T-3 Tariffs*. In addition, CGC and CRMA agreed to remove from pre-filed testimony all references to incremental gas and re-file the testimony with such references omitted by August 2, 2022.

## **I. PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

After discussing preliminary issues, the Hearing Officer discussed the procedure for the hearing. The following order of the hearing has been established and agreed upon:

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

On July 29, 2022, a *Notice of Hearing* was issued notifying the public that a hearing on the *Chattanooga Gas Company Petition for Approval of Its 2021 Annual Rate Review Filing* will be held during the Commission Conference scheduled to begin at **9:00 a.m. (CDT) on Monday, August 8, 2022**. 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**

The parties will present opening statements in the following order: CGC, Consumer Advocate, and then CRMA. In its opening statement, CGC will also provide a brief update on the status of the docket.

In the *Joint Status Report*, the parties indicated they had resolved all of the issues except for rate design. The parties agreed to waive both live witness testimony on this issue and cross-examination. Each party will provide a brief summary of its position on rate design during its opening statement.

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

The parties should exchange any demonstrative exhibits related to the witness's testimony before that witness appears on the stand. Each party should have its own copy of all exhibits, including those appended to pre-filed testimony, available for reference during the hearing and is responsible for supplying a sufficient number of copies of any exhibits that it intends to reference or discuss with a witness. A party should use its own judgment and discretion in determining the total number of copies to have on hand, but at a minimum, copies of an exhibit should be provided to the court reporter, each Commissioner on the panel, Legal Staff, and the Utilities Division Director.

#### **D. TECHNOLOGICAL AND OTHER SPECIAL REQUESTS**

The parties informed the Hearing Officer that provisions for visual display aids and technology are not necessary for the hearing.

#### **E. WITNESSES**

CGC will call one witness, Tiffani Weems, who will present the *Petition*, as revised by the agreements made by the parties. The Consumer Advocate and CRMA will not present any witnesses but will have its witnesses available for questions, either on the phone or in the Hearing Room. The parties have agreed to waive cross-examination.

#### **F. EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES AND QUESTIONS BY THE COMMISSION**

The parties should be aware that the Commissioners or Commission Staff might ask

questions at any time during a witness's testimony.

**G. CLOSING ARGUMENTS**

The parties have waived closing arguments.

**H. PRELIMINARY MATTERS/MOTIONS**

The parties should make the Hearing Officer aware of any preliminary matters as soon as possible in advance of the hearing.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

The hearing scheduled during the Commission Conference scheduled to begin at **9:00 a.m. (CDT) on Monday, August 8, 2022**, shall be conducted in accordance with this Pre-Hearing Order unless otherwise ordered by the Chairman/Presiding Commissioner.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monica Smith-Ashford".

Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer