

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

June 15, 2023

IN RE:

**KINGSPORT POWER COMPANY D/B/A AEP
APPALACHIAN POWER 2022 REVISED FUEL AND
PURCHASED POWER ADJUSTMENT RIDER TARIFF
FILING.**

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**DOCKET NO.
22-00111**

PRE-HEARING ORDER

This matter came before the Hearing Officer of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“Commission” or “TPUC”) during a telephone Pre-Hearing Conference held on June 12, 2023. In accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-306 and TPUC Rule 1220-1-2-.12, the Pre-Hearing Conference was held to establish the orderly conduct of the hearing on issues related to the 2022 Revised Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment Rider Tariff filing (“FPPAR”) made by Kingsport Power Company d/b/a AEP Appalachian Power (“Kingsport Power”) scheduled to be heard during the Commission Conference beginning at 10:00 a.m. CDT on June 20, 2023.

Kingsport Power and the Consumer Advocate Division in the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”) participated in the telephone Pre-Hearing Conference. East Tennessee Energy Consumers (“ETEC”) is also a party to this docket but did not participate. Previously, at ETEC’s request, the parties had agreed to stipulate to the testimony of Stephen J. Baron, ETEC’s witness. In addition, ETEC stated it would not actively participate in the hearing but would have its witness available on the phone to answer any questions that may arise.

I. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

During the Pre-Hearing Conference, the length and timing of the order of proof was discussed. The following order of the hearing was then established and agreed upon:

A. NOTICE OF HEARING & PUBLIC COMMENT

On June 9, 2023, a *Notice of Hearing* was issued notifying the public that a hearing will be held at **10:00 a.m. CDT on Tuesday, June 20, 2023**. Members of the public are encouraged to participate by filing written comments in the docket file and/or presenting verbal comments during the hearing.

A. OPENING STATEMENTS

Kingsport Power and the Consumer Advocate will be permitted five (5) to ten (10) minutes to present Opening Statements. Opening Statements will be presented by Kingsport Power first followed by the Consumer Advocate.

B. EXHIBITS & DOCUMENTS

The parties should exchange any demonstrative exhibits related to a witness's pre-filed testimony by Wednesday, June 14, 2023. 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, fifteen (15) copies of an exhibit should be provided for the court reporter, each Commissioner on the panel, Legal Staff, and the Utilities Division Staff. Additional copies will be needed to provide to the other parties.

C. TECHNOLOGICAL AND OTHER SPECIAL REQUESTS

During the Pre-Hearing Conference, the parties stated they did not have any visual display

aids or need the use of technology during the hearing.

D. WITNESSES

During direct examination, each witness will be permitted ten (10) minutes to summarize his/her pre-filed testimony. The Consumer Advocate will present its witness, William H. Novak, first. Then, Kingsport Power will present William K. Castle.

E. EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES AND QUESTIONS BY THE AUTHORITY

The parties have waived cross-examination of witnesses. However, the Commissioners or the Commission's Advisory Staff may have questions for the witnesses.

F. CLOSING ARGUMENTS

The parties will file post-hearing briefs in lieu of presenting Closing Arguments. The post-hearing briefs will be due two weeks after the transcript has been released.

G. 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 beginning at **10:00 a.m. CDT on June 20, 2023**, shall be conducted in accordance with this Pre-Hearing Order unless otherwise ordered by the Chairman/Presiding Commissioner.


Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer