

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

January 25, 2023

IN RE:)	
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RULEMAKING TO PROMULGATE RULES)	DOCKET NO.
FOR UTILITY CYBERSECURITY PLAN)	23-00001
REPORTING AS REQUIRED UNDER TENN.)	
CODE ANN. § 65-4-127)	

**ORDER OPENING A RULEMAKING PROCEEDING
TO PROMULGATE RULES FOR UTILITY CYBERSECURITY REPORTING**

This matter came before the Tennessee Public Utility Commission with all Commissioners voting, during a regularly scheduled Commission Conference held on January 17, 2023, to consider opening a rulemaking proceeding to promulgate rules for reporting utility cybersecurity plans.

On June 1, 2022, Public Chapter 1111 concerning utility cybersecurity plans was signed into law. The portions of Public Chapter 1111 that relate to the Commission are codified in Tennessee Code Annotated § 65-4-127. The statute requires that all regulated electric, water, wastewater and natural gas utilities develop, implement, and maintain cybersecurity plans. Starting in 2023, utilities are required to provide documentation to the Commission, by July 1st of each year, that they are operating under a compliant cybersecurity plan. In addition, the statute requires that the Commission enforce the statutory provisions and authorizes the promulgation of rules to further the exercise of this charge.

During the Commission Conference, the Commissioners voted unanimously to initiate a rulemaking proceeding to implement utility cybersecurity plan reporting and directed staff to prepare and submit the necessary rulemaking notices.

FOR THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION:

**Chairman Herbert H. Hilliard,
Vice Chairman David F. Jones,
Commissioner Robin L. Morrison,
Commissioner Clay R. Good,
Commissioner Kenneth C. Hill,
Commissioner David Crowell, and
Commissioner John Hie concurring.**

None dissenting.

ATTEST:



Earl R. Taylor, Executive Director