

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

June 28, 2023

IN RE:)	
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EXPEDITED JOINT APPLICATION OF)	DOCKET NO.
LIMESTONE WATER UTILITY OPERATING)	23-00016
COMPANY, LLC, AND DSH & ASSOCIATES,)	
LLC, FOR APPROVAL OF THE ACQUISITION)	
OF AND TO OPERATE THE WASTEWATER)	
SYSTEM OF DSH & ASSOCIATES, LLC, AND)	
TO TRANSFER OR ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF)	
PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY)	

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This matter is before the Hearing Officer of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“Commission” or “TPUC”) to establish a procedural schedule for the orderly administration of these proceedings. At the request of the Hearing Officer, Limestone Water Utility Operating Company, LLC (“Limestone” or the “Company”), DSH & Associates, LLC (“DSH”) (together “Joint Petitioners”), and the Consumer Advocate Division of the Office of the Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”), the parties in this matter, filed the *Joint Filing of Revised Proposed Procedural Schedule* on June 27, 2023.¹ The goal and design of any procedural schedule is to efficiently move the proceedings forward to a hearing and final conclusion on the merits. Nevertheless, a procedural schedule’s effectiveness directly depends on cooperation by the parties in meeting the individual benchmark dates. Based on the agreements made by Limestone, DSH, and the Consumer Advocate

¹ The Parties filed a *Joint Proposed Procedural Schedule* on May 26, 2023. However, prior to the issuance of the Procedural Order, the parties informed the Hearing Officer there would be a delay in filing some of the discovery responses and the proposed schedule would need to be revised. Therefore, the Hearing Officer refrained from issuing a Procedural Order until receiving a revised proposed schedule.

regarding the procedural schedule, the Hearing Officer hereby establishes the Procedural Schedule set forth in **Exhibit A** attached to this Order.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED.


Monica Smith-Ashford, Hearing Officer

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

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Due Date	Filing/Activity
March 1, 2023	Petition Filed
May 30, 2023*	Consumer Advocate's First Discovery Requests
June 8, 2023	Limestone's Responses to First Discovery Requests
June 21, 2023	DSH's Responses to First Discovery Requests
July 5, 2023	Consumer Advocate's Second Discovery Requests
July 12, 2023	Joint Petitioners' Responses to Second Discovery Requests
August 7, 2023	Consumer Advocate's Pre-Filed Testimony
August 15, 2023	Joint Petitioners' Discovery Requests
August 24, 2023	Consumer Advocate's Responses to Discovery Requests
September 19, 2023	Joint Petitioners' Pre-Filed Rebuttal Testimony
September 28, 2023	Pre-Hearing Motions
October 5, 2023	Pre-Hearing Telephone Conference
October 16, 2023	Target Date for Hearing on the Merits

- All filings shall be filed in the TPUC docket room by 2:00 p.m. (central) on the date due.
- Nothing herein restricts the parties from participating in additional informal discovery.
- Copies of all discovery exchanged between the parties shall be filed with TPUC within 3 business days of the exchange of information.
- For all spreadsheets, a copy shall be filed in Excel format with working formulas intact. This includes spreadsheets that are exhibits to Pre-filed Testimony.
- Rebuttal Testimony is limited only to issues raised in the Consumer Advocate's Direct Testimony and should include the page and line number of the Consumer Advocate's testimony that is being rebutted.

* Served May 22, 2023.