

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

July 13, 2023

IN RE:

**PETITION OF TENNESSEE WATER
SERVICE, INC. TO ADOPT ANNUAL
REVIEW MECHANISM AND TARIFF
PURSUANT TO TENN. CODE ANN.
§ 65-5-103(d)(6)**

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**DOCKET NO.
23-00046**

ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This matter came 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. On June 22, 2023, Tennessee Water Service, Inc. (“TWS” or the “Company”) and the Consumer Advocate Division of the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”) filed a *Joint Filing of Proposed Procedural Schedule* (“*Proposed Procedural Schedule*”) setting forth a proposed schedule.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 TWS and the Consumer Advocate 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

¹ The Parties filed the *Proposed Procedural Schedule* prior to the Consumer Advocate filing its *Petition to Intervene*, and the Parties have been adhering to the dates set forth therein. The Hearing Officer supports this procedure, especially in light of the 120-day statutory deadlines involved with alternative regulatory methods. However, a Procedural Order will not be issued until a *Petition to Intervene* has been received, considered, and an Order granting intervention issued.

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
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Due Date/Deadline	Filing/Activity
June 20, 2023	TWS's Filing
July 7, 2023	Consumer Advocate's First Discovery Request
July 14, 2023	TWS's Response to First Discovery Request
July 28, 2023	Consumer Advocate's Second Discovery Request
August 4, 2023	TWS's Response to Second Discovery
August 25, 2023	Consumer Advocate's Pre-Filed Testimony
September 1, 2023	TWS's First Discovery Request
September 8, 2023	Consumer Advocate's Response to First Discovery Request
September 22, 2023	TWS's Pre-Filed Rebuttal Testimony
September 25, 2023	Settlement Deadline and/or Pre-Hearing Motions
October 9, 2023	Pre-Hearing Status Conference
October 16, 2023	Target Hearing Date

- 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 voluntarily 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 submitted 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 Intervenor's Direct Testimony and should include the page and line number of the Intervenor's testimony that is being rebutted.