

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

August 14, 2025

IN RE:

PETITION OF KINGSPORT POWER COMPANY D/B/A)	
AEP APPALACHIAN POWER FOR JANUARY 2024)	
THROUGH DECEMBER 2024 ANNUAL RECOVERY)	DOCKET NO.
UNDER THE TARGETED RELIABILITY PLAN AND)	25-00022
MAJOR STORM RIDER (“TRP&MS”), ALTERNATIVE)	
RATE MECHANISMS APPROVED IN DOCKET NO. 17-)	
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 Administrative Judge of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“Commission” or “TPUC”) at a Pre-Hearing Conference held via teleconference on August 7, 2025. The Pre-Hearing Conference was held to establish the orderly conduct of the Hearing on the *Petition of Kingsport Power Company d/b/a AEP Appalachian Power for January 2024 Through December 2024 Annual Recovery Under the Targeted Reliability Plan and Major Storm Rider (“TRP&MS”), Alternative Rate Mechanisms Approved in Docket No. 17-00032 (“Petition”)* scheduled during the Commission Conference to be held at 10:00 a.m. (CDT) on Monday, August 18, 2025. Kingsport Power Company d/b/a AEP Appalachian Power (“Kingsport Power”) and the Consumer Advocate Division of the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”), the Parties in this matter, participated in the Pre-Hearing Conference. On July 22, 2025, the Parties filed a letter indicating there are no contested issues in the docket and waiving cross-examination of witnesses at the Hearing.

I. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The following order of the Hearing has been established and agreed upon:

A. NOTICE OF HEARING & PUBLIC COMMENT

On August 8, 2025, a *Notice of Hearing* was issued notifying the public that a Hearing on the *Petition* will be held during the Commission Conference scheduled to begin at **10:00 a.m. (CDT) on Monday, August 18, 2025**. Members of the public may participate by presenting verbal comments during the Hearing and/or filing written comments in the docket file by completing the comment form at <https://www.tn.gov/tpuc/agency/public-participation-/tpuc-online-public-comment-form.html> or by sending an email to **contact.tpuc@tn.gov** with a reference to **Docket No. 25-00022** in the subject line of the email.

B. OPENING STATEMENTS

Kingsport Power will give an opening statement first and provide a summary of the status of the docket, then the Consumer Advocate will give brief opening remarks.

C. EXHIBITS & DOCUMENTS

The Parties should exchange any demonstrative exhibits related to a witness's pre-filed 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, the Executive Director, and the Utilities Division Directors and Deputy Director.

D. TECHNOLOGICAL AND OTHER SPECIAL REQUESTS

The Parties informed the Administrative Judge that provisions for visual display aids and technology are not necessary for the Hearing.

E. WITNESSES

Kingsport Power will call its witness, John Stevens, to summarize the *Petition*. Mr. Stevens will testify via the WebEx videoconferencing platform. Kingsport Power witnesses, Malinda Diehlman and Jason Baker, will also be available via WebEx to answer questions but will not testify.

The Consumer Advocate will not present a witness but will have its witness, Clark Kaml, available for questions. The Parties have agreed to waive cross-examination.

F. QUESTIONS BY THE COMMISSION

The Commissioners and Commission Staff will have an opportunity to ask questions following the witness testimony. In addition, the Parties should be aware that the Commissioners might ask questions at any time during a witness's testimony.

G. CLOSING ARGUMENTS

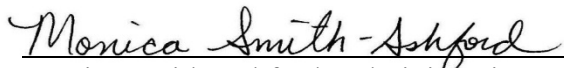
The Parties will present brief closing remarks. Closing remarks will be presented first by the Consumer Advocate, then by Kingsport Power. Each Party will be given five to ten minutes to present remarks during closing.

H. PRELIMINARY MATTERS/MOTIONS

The Parties should make the Administrative Judge 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 **10:00 a.m. (CDT) on Monday, August 18, 2025**, shall be conducted in accordance with this Pre-Hearing Order unless otherwise ordered by the Chairman/Presiding Commissioner.


Monica Smith-Ashford, Administrative Judge