

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

September 10, 2025

IN RE:

PETITION OF INTEGRATED RESOURCE
MANAGEMENT, INC. d/b/a IRM UTILITY FOR
APPROVAL TO WITHDRAW ESCROW FUNDS

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DOCKET NO.
25-00023

ORDER GRANTING PARTY STAFF MOTION AND ESTABLISHING PRE-HEARING
ORDER

This matter is before the Administrative Judge of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“Commission” or “TPUC”) for consideration of Pre-Hearing issues and to establish the orderly conduct of the Hearing on the *Amended Petition* filed by Integrated Resource Management, Inc. d/b/a IRM Utility (“IRM”) on August 19, 2025. The Hearing is scheduled during the Commission Conference to be held at 10:00 a.m. (CDT) on Monday, September 15, 2025.

I. Pre-Hearing Issues

On August 26, 2025, Party Staff filed its *Notice of Withdraw of Party Staff, or in the Alternative, Motion of Party Staff to Withdraw from Docket* (“*Motion*”). In its *Motion*, Party Staff states it seeks to withdraw from the docket because there are no longer any contested issues remaining in the docket.¹ Party Staff states that “[m]embers of the Party Staff will not serve or participate in any advisory capacity to the Commission regarding this docket.”² The Administrative Judge finds that

¹ *Motion* (August 26, 2025).

² *Id.* at 2.

Party Staff's *Motion* is well taken and concludes there is no reason for Party Staff to remain a Party in this docket. Therefore, the *Motion* should be granted.

II. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

The Pre-Hearing procedure in this matter was determined via email exchange on September 4, 2025, between IRM, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General ("Consumer Advocate"), the Parties in this matter, and the Administrative Judge.

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

A. NOTICE OF HEARING & PUBLIC COMMENT

On September 5, 2025, a *Notice of Hearing* was issued notifying the public that a Hearing will be held during the Commission Conference scheduled to begin at **10:00 a.m. (CDT) on Monday, September 15, 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. 25-00023** in the subject line of the email.

B. OPENING STATEMENTS

IRM will provide opening remarks, and the Consumer Advocate will provide a summary of the status of the docket.

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

IRM expressed some concern regarding providing a witness summary at the Hearing and had reservations about causing confusion in the record. Much of the progress in this docket took place informally, which resulted in IRM reaching agreement with the Consumer Advocate on various issues and consequently filing the *Amended Petition* on August 19, 2025. The Administrative Judge finds that since the *Amended Petition* states “[t]o the extent applicable and consistent with this Amended Petition, IRM incorporates by reference the pre-filed testimony and exhibits of Jeffrey Cox, Jr. filed concurrently with IRM’s Initial Petition...,” there should not be any issues that would cause confusion in the record.³ The Administrative Judge concludes that IRM should call its witness, Jeffrey W. (“Billy”) Cox, Jr., to provide a summary at the Hearing, and Mr. Cox’s summary may consist of a summary of the *Amended Petition*.

The Consumer Advocate did not file testimony and will not present any witnesses.

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.

³ *Amended Petition*, p. 1 (August 19, 2025).

G. CLOSING ARGUMENTS

The Parties may present brief closing remarks. Closing remarks will be presented first by the Consumer Advocate, then by IRM.

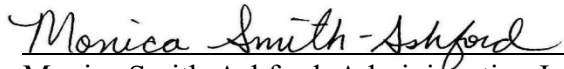
H. PRELIMINARY MATTERS/MOTIONS

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:

1. The *Notice of Withdraw of Party Staff, or in the Alternative, Motion of Party Staff to Withdraw from Docket* filed on August 26, 2025, by Commission Staff acting as a Party in this docket is granted.

2. The Hearing on the *Amended Petition* scheduled during the Commission Conference beginning at **10:00 a.m. (CDT) on Monday, September 15, 2025**, shall be conducted in accordance with this Pre-Hearing Order unless otherwise ordered by the Chairman/Presiding Commissioner.


Monica Smith-Ashford, Administrative Judge