

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

August 14, 2025

IN RE:

**CHATTANOOGA GAS COMPANY PETITION FOR
APPROVAL OF ITS 2024 ANNUAL RATE REVIEW
FILING PURSUANT TO TENN. CODE ANN.
§ 65-5-103(d)(6) (WITH VERIFICATION OF PAUL
LEATH AS EXHIBIT A).**

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**DOCKET NO.
25-00028**

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 1, 2025. The Pre-Hearing Conference was held to establish the orderly conduct of the Hearing on the *Settlement Agreement* scheduled during the Commission Conference to be held at 10:00 a.m. (CDT) on Monday, August 18, 2025. Chattanooga Gas Company (“Chattanooga Gas”) 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. Supplemental Testimony supporting the terms of the settlement was filed on July 15, 2025, and on July 23, 2025, the Parties filed the *Settlement Agreement* to resolve the *Chattanooga Gas Company Petition for Approval of Its 2024 Annual Rate Review Filing* (“*Petition*”). If the panel does not approve the *Settlement Agreement*, a hearing on the merits of the *Petition* will immediately follow.¹

¹ If a hearing on the *Petition* is held, the Administrative Judge will issue a separate Order establishing the procedure for the hearing on the merits of the *Petition*.

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 on Settlement Agreement* was issued notifying the public that a Hearing on the *Settlement Agreement* 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. 25-00028** in the subject line of the email.

B. OPENING STATEMENTS

The Consumer Advocate will give opening remarks first and provide a summary of the status of the docket, then Chattanooga Gas will give its opening statement.

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

Chattanooga Gas will call its witness, Tiffani Weems, to summarize the *Settlement Agreement*. Chattanooga Gas's other witnesses, Paul Leath and Ashley Vette, will be available to answer questions but will not testify.

The Consumer Advocate will not present witnesses but will have its witnesses, Clark Kaml and David Dittmore, 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

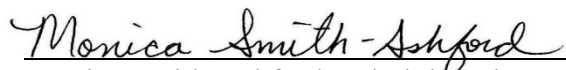
The Parties will present brief closing remarks. Closing remarks will be presented first by the Consumer Advocate, then by Chattanooga Gas.

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 on the *Settlement Agreement* scheduled during the Commission Conference beginning 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