

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

September 10, 2025

IN RE:

TENNESSEE WATER SERVICE, INC. PETITION TO)	
ESTABLISH A DOCKET AND EXTEND THE DUE)	
DATE FOR FILING ITS PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF)	DOCKET NO.
2025 ANNUAL RATE REVIEW FILING)	25-00031

PRE-HEARING ORDER

Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-306 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 September 8, 2025. The Pre-Hearing Conference was held to establish the orderly conduct of the Hearing scheduled during the Commission Conference to be held at 10:00 a.m. (CDT) on Monday, September 15, 2025. Tennessee Water Service, Inc. (“TWS”) 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.

I. PROCEDURAL MATTERS

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 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. 25-00031** in the subject line of the email.

B. OPENING STATEMENTS

The Consumer Advocate will provide a summary of the status of the docket. TWS does not plan to give any 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

TWS will call its witness, Tiffany Van Horn, to provide a summary of the Petition. Ms. Van Horn will testify via the WebEx videoconferencing platform. TWS's other witness, Andrew Dickson, will be unavailable during the Hearing, but Mr. Dante DeStefano is familiar with the Petition and Mr. Dickson's testimony and will be available via WebEx to answer questions but will not testify.

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

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.

F. CLOSING ARGUMENTS


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

G. 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 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