

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

July 18, 2025

IN RE:)	
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JOINT PETITION OF TENNESSEE-AMERICAN)	DOCKET NO.
WATER COMPANY, AMERICAN WATER)	25-00040
WORKS COMPANY, INC., NEXUS REGULATED)	
UTILITIES, LLC, AND TENNESSEE WATER)	
SERVICE, INC. FOR AUTHORIZATION OF)	
CHANGE OF CONTROL, APPROVAL OF THE)	
AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER AND)	
FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATE OF)	
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY)	

ORDER ON JUNE 27, 2025 STATUS CONFERENCE AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

This matter is before the Administrative Judge of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“Commission” or “TPUC”) to establish a procedural schedule for the orderly administration of these proceedings. On June 27, 2025, the Administrative Judge convened a Status Conference with Tennessee-American Water Company (“TAWC” or the “Company”) and the Consumer Advocate Division of the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”), the Parties in this matter, to discuss the procedural schedule. The Administrative Judge granted the Consumer Advocate’s intervention at the beginning of the Status Conference.

During the Status Conference, TAWC expressed that despite several discussions, the Parties had been unable to reach agreement on a target hearing date. TAWC stated the Petition was filed on May 30, 2025, and although the Consumer Advocate did not file its *Petition to Intervene* until June 25th, the matter should be heard within 120 days, consistent with Commission Rule 1220-04-14-08. The Consumer Advocate maintained that the procedural schedule it proposed had timeframes

consistent with most of the other procedural orders issued in other dockets. In addition, the Consumer Advocate argued that TAWC's Petition was incomplete and missing documents required under the Rule. Both Parties agreed that an in-person hearing on the merits was preferable to one conducted via the WebEx teleconferencing platform.

Commission Rule 1220-04-14-.08 provides in pertinent part:

(1) The Commission shall approve or deny an application for acquisition within 120 days of the filing of a complete application by the acquiring utility. For good cause shown, the Commission or Hearing Officer may extend this period up to an additional 60 days either on its own motion or by request of any party to the acquisition proceeding.


(2) An application for acquisition shall, at a minimum, contain all the following information prior to such application being deemed complete unless a provision is waived by the Commission or Hearing Officer upon request by the applicant(s)...

The Administrative Judge finds that although the Petition was filed on May 30th, the Consumer Advocate's intervention was filed on June 25th and the *Petition to Intervene* was timely. The Administrative Judge finds that a proposed procedural schedule for a hearing in September is untenable. Further, the Administrative Judge finds that an in-person hearing is preferable, and the Commission is not scheduled to have a Commission Conference in October. Also, the Consumer Advocate has alleged the *Joint Petition* is incomplete. Pursuant to TPUC Rule 1220-04-14-.08(2), the time for the 120-day deadline does not begin to run until a complete application is filed. Based on the establishment of good cause, the Administrative Judge concludes that it is necessary to exceed the 120-day deadline from the filing of the *Joint Petition* and establishes the Procedural Schedule attached to this Order as **Exhibit A** with a target hearing date of November 3, 2025.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1) When making docket filings, the actual documents should be filed in the docket file rather than referring to such documents' location in another docket file.

- 2) The Joint Petitioners are directed to file any missing documents and to supplement actual documents to replace references to documents in the docket file as soon as possible.
- 3) The Procedural Schedule attached to this Order as **Exhibit A** is hereby established.


Monica Smith-Ashford, Administrative Judge

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**EXHIBIT A****Docket No. 25-00040**

July 17, 2025

Due Date	Filing/Activity
July 25, 2025	Consumer Advocate's First Discovery Request
August 8, 2025	TAWC's Response to First Discovery Request
August 22, 2025	Consumer Advocate's Second Discovery Request
September 5, 2025	TAWC's Response to Second Discovery Request
September 19, 2025	Consumer Advocate's Pre-Filed Testimony
October 10, 2025	TAWC's Pre-Filed Rebuttal Testimony
October 13, 2025	Deadline for Filing Settlement Agreement
October 17, 2025	Pre-Hearing Motions
October 23, 2025	Pre-Hearing Telephone Status Conference
November 3, 2025	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 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. All spreadsheets shall be filed in Excel format with working formulas intact.
- Any Pre-filed Testimony should include all supporting worksheets in Excel format with working formulas intact.
- Rebuttal Testimony should be limited only to issues raised in the Consumer Advocate's Direct Testimony and should include the page and line number of the Consumer Advocate's testimony that is being rebutted.