

TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION



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VIA Email to IRMutility@gmail.com

Re: Docket No. 25-00059
Emergency Request – TPUC rule 1220-04-13-.07(7)

Dear Mr. Cox:

The Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“TPUC” or “Commission”) received a letter from Integrated Resource Management, Inc., d/b/a IRM Utility (“IRM”) detailing an emergency request to utilize escrow funds dated August 7, 2025. The letter requests emergency approval of expenditure from IRM’s escrow account for reimbursement of \$9,174.00 to repair system components that were in imminent failure at Lost Creek Campground, including a sub-panel, dosing panel, and recirculation panel.¹ IRM provided an invoice detailing each repair and its cost with the letter.² The repairs began on August 5, 2025, and were completed on August 6, 2025. IRM filed the emergency request on August 7, 2025.³

A public wastewater utility must obtain Commission approval for extraordinary expenditures from reserve or escrow funds in accordance with Commission Rule 1220-4-13-.07(7), which states:

Reserve/escrow accounts established by a public wastewater utility shall be limited to paying for or reimbursing the utility for extraordinary expenses of the utility or for necessary capital projects, unless otherwise permitted by the Commission. Extraordinary expenses are those resulting from events that are infrequent and unusual in nature, and unrelated to the utilities’ routine service or business activities. The utility must first receive authorization from the Commission via approved petition or, in emergency situations, authorization in writing from the Chairman of the Commission upon written request by a representative of the utility to use such funds. The

¹ *Integrated Resource Management, Inc. Request Pursuant to TPUC rule 1220-04-13-.07(7) the Emergency Release of Escrow Funds. (With Exhibit A)*, p. 1 (August 7, 2025).

² *Id.* at 2-3.

³ *Id.* at 1.

Commission may require public wastewater utility employees having signature authority over such accounts to obtain a fidelity bond. The public wastewater utility's tariff shall set forth the specific amount charged to customers to fund the reserve/escrow account.⁴

Based upon the information provided in the emergency request, including the invoice, the expenses incurred for the repairs were extraordinary and/or for a necessary capital project. Additionally, the expenses were incurred as a result of an emergency situation. Therefore, the emergency request for expenditure of escrow funds for reimbursement of \$9,174.00 for repairs is approved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Jones", written over the printed name.

David F. Jones
Chairman

⁴ Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 1220-4-13-.07(7).