

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

**NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

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**IN RE:** )  
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**PETITION OF LIMESTONE WATER UTILITY** )  
**OPERATING COMPANY, LLC FOR** )  
**APPROVAL OF AN AUTHORITY TO BORROW** )  
**UP TO \$4,000,000 TO FINANCE ADDITIONS** )  
**AND IMPROVEMENTS TO FACILITIES AND** )  
**ACQUISITIONS PURSUANT TO TENN. CODE** )  
**ANN. § 65-4-109** )

**DOCKET NO. 25-00066**

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**ORDER ON OCTOBER 24, 2025 STATUS CONFERENCE  
AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

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This matter came before the Administrative Judge during a Status Conference held via videoconference on October 24, 2025, on the *Petition of Limestone Water Utility Operating Company, LLC for Approval of and Authority to Borrow Up to \$4,000,000 to Finance Additions and Improvements to Facilities and Acquisitions Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-109 (“Petition”)*. The Status Conference was held to discuss the Procedural Schedule and other issues related to the progress of this docket.

**PROTECTIVE ORDER**

During the status conference, Limestone Water Utility Operating Company, LLC (“Limestone”) requested that a Protective Order be entered concerning confidential information. Subsequent to the status conference, Limestone filed a Proposed Protective Order.<sup>1</sup> The Consumer Advocate Division of the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”) filed an email on the same date indicating that it had no objection to Limestone’s Proposed Protective

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<sup>1</sup> *Limestone Water Utility Operating Company, LLC Proposed Protective Order* (October 24, 2025).

Order and would not file a competing proposed order. Therefore, the Administrative Judge finds that a protective order is reasonable in consideration of the matters at issue in this docket. Therefore, the Administrative Judge is entering a Protective Order, filed contemporaneously herewith.

### **PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

The Parties were unable to come to an agreement on the procedural schedule and each filed a proposed schedule on October 20, 2025.<sup>2</sup> The schedule proposed by Limestone targets a December 2025 hearing on its *Petition* while the Consumer Advocate’s schedule targets a February 2026 hearing. The goal and design of any procedural schedule is to efficiently move the proceedings forward to a hearing and final conclusion on the merits. The procedural schedule should also allow adequate time for Commission Staff to analyze the docket filings, make recommendations to the voting panel of Commissioners, and submit the recommendations to the panel for their timely review and analysis. Nevertheless, a procedural schedule’s effectiveness directly depends on cooperation by the parties in meeting the individual benchmark dates.

Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-109 requires Commission approval prior to a public utility “issuing stock, stock certificates, bonds, debentures, or other evidences of indebtedness payable in more than one (1) year from the date thereof...”<sup>3</sup> The statute also limits the Commission’s review of such proposed transactions to whether the proposed issue, sale and delivery of such proposed issue is made in accordance with the law and that such funds will be used for an approved purpose.<sup>4</sup> The Administrative Judge finds that a December hearing should allow the Parties ample opportunity to conduct discovery and prepare a case concerning the limited scope of the

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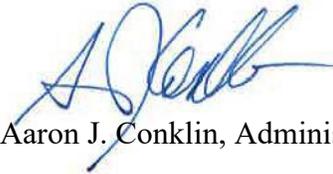
<sup>2</sup> See *Limestone Water Utility Operating Company LLC’s Proposed Procedural Schedule* (October 20, 2025); *Consumer Advocate’s Proposed Procedural Schedule* (October 22, 2025).

<sup>3</sup> Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-109 (2022).

<sup>4</sup> *Id.*

Commission's review in matters considered under Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-109. Therefore, the Administrative Judge hereby establishes the Procedural Schedule set forth in Exhibit A attached to this Order.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED.**



Aaron J. Conklin, Administrative Judge

**EXHIBIT A**  
**PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**  
**Docket No. 25-00066**  
 October 27, 2025

Due Date	Filing/Activity
October 23, 2025	Consumer Advocate's Discovery Request
October 30, 2025	Petitioner's Responses to Consumer Advocate's Discovery Request
November 6, 2025	Consumer Advocate's Pre-Filed Testimony
November 17, 2025	Limestone's Pre-Filed Rebuttal Testimony
November 17, 2025	Deadline for Filing Settlement Agreement
November 26, 2025	Pre-Hearing Motions
December 1, 2025	Pre-Hearing Status Conference
December 8, 2025	<b>Target Hearing Date</b>

- All filings shall be filed in the TPUC docket room by 2:00 p.m. (Central Time) 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 three 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.