

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

December 1, 2025

IN RE:)
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APPLICATION OF KINGSPORT POWER)
COMPANY D/B/A AEP APPALACHIAN POWER) **DOCKET NO. 25-00083**
FOR PERMISSION TO MAKE NOTES TO)
EVIDENCE INDEBTEDNESS NOT TO EXCEED)
\$60,000,000)

ORDER GRANTING ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION IN HEARING

This matter is before the Administrative Judge upon the *Motion for Leave to Appear as Witness by Remote Means* (“*Motion*”) filed by Kingsport Power Company d/b/a AEP Appalachian Power Company (“AEP” or “Petitioner”) on November 26, 2025. In its *Motion*, AEP seeks permission for its witness, Franz D. Messner, to participate electronically in the Hearing in this docket to be held during the regularly scheduled Commission Conference beginning at 10:00 a.m. (CST) on December 8, 2025. AEP requests that its witness be allowed to participate in the Hearing by remote means because Mr. Messner will be working in Columbus, Ohio on the date of the Hearing and personal appearance would be burdensome.

Under the Tennessee Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, decisions involving electronic participation in a hearing are within the Administrative Judge’s discretion:

(c) In the discretion of the administrative judge or hearing officer and agency members and by agreement of the parties, all or part of the hearing may be conducted by telephone, television or other electronic means, if each participant in the hearing has an opportunity to participate in, to hear, and, if technically feasible, to see the entire proceedings while taking place.¹

¹ Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-5-312(c) (2025).

In accordance with the above-referenced statute and considering that the request was timely filed and that personal appearance by the witness would be burdensome, the Administrative Judge grants AEP's *Motion*, subject to compliance with the following conditions²:

1. Petitioner's attorney shall appear personally at the Hearing to present and facilitate questioning of the Petitioner's witness.

2. The Petitioner's attorney shall provide the Administrative Judge with the witness's correct email address so that the WebEx video link can be emailed to the witness prior to the Hearing.

3. The witness should join the WebEx videoconference link at least five minutes before the Commission Conference begins, turn his camera off, and mute his microphone until this docket is called.

4. The witness shall have the technological resources to access the WebEx videoconferencing platform so that the witness can be seen and heard clearly via the provided WebEx link for the Hearing.

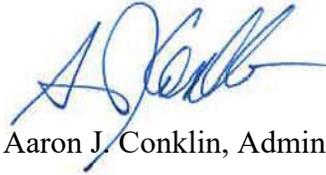
5. If the witness is unable to comply with these conditions or technological difficulties prevent the use of the WebEx videoconferencing platform for the Hearing, the Hearing may have to be postponed.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Subject to the conditions set forth in this Order, Kingsport Power Company d/b/a AEP Appalachian Power Company's witness may appear and participate electronically in the Hearing to be held on December 8, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. (CST).

² In its *Motion*, AEP states that a Notary Public will be present to administer the Oath and remain during testimony of Mr. Messner if he testifies by telephone and is not visible by video. The December 8, 2025, Commission Conference will utilize the WebEx videoconferencing platform. Therefore, the witness will appear on camera and be subject to the conditions set forth in this Order.

2. To avoid disruption of other matters scheduled for consideration by the Commission, persons authorized to participate electronically shall join the WebEx videoconferencing link at least five minutes before the start time set for the Commission Conference. The Commission Conference will begin promptly.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Conklin', is positioned above the typed name.

Aaron J. Conklin, Administrative Judge