

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

December 9, 2025

IN RE:)
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CONSUMER ADVOCATE COMPLAINT AND)
REQUEST TO OPEN A CONTESTED CASE AND)
INVESTIGATION INTO TENNESSEE-AMERICAN)
WATER COMPANY’S PFAS (PER-AND POLY-)
FLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES) LITIGATION)
UNIVERSAL SURCREDIT TARIFF (“PLUS)
TARIFF”))

DOCKET NO.
25-00086

ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF THROUGH FEBRUARY 17, 2026

This matter is before the Administrative Judge of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission (“Commission” or “TPUC”) designated by General Counsel to administer certain preliminary issues that may arise during the preparation of this matter for hearing before the Commission. On October 6, 2025, in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103 *et seq.*, Tennessee-American Water Company (“TAWC” or the “Company”) filed its PFAS Litigation Universal Surcredit Tariff (“PLUS Tariff”) concerning the distribution of settlement proceeds of litigation relating to Per-And Poly-Fluoroalkyl Substances (“PFAS”) to its customers. The PLUS Tariff was filed with an effective date of November 5, 2025.

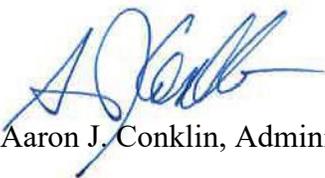
The Administrative Judge found that the *Consumer Advocate’s Complaint and Request to Open a Contested Case and Investigation* filed by the Consumer Advocate Division of the Office of the Tennessee Attorney General (“Consumer Advocate”) convened a contested case that is a sufficient protest to suspend the PLUS Tariff and entered an *Order Establishing Procedural*

Schedule that adopted the schedule proposed by the Parties.¹ Subsequent to the *Suspension Order*, the Parties jointly filed a proposed procedural schedule targeting a hearing for this docket in February, 2026.² The Administrative Judge entered an *Order Establishing Procedural Schedule* that adopts the Parties proposed schedule.³

Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103(a) permits the Commission, pending a hearing and determination, to suspend any rate increase, change, or alteration for an initial period not to exceed three months from the proposed effective date of such increase, change, or alteration and for an additional period not to exceed nine months.⁴ Because this matter is tentatively scheduled to be heard at the Commission Conference to be held in February 2026, the Administrative Judge finds that it is necessary to suspend the effective date of the tariff through February 17, 2026, a period of 104 days from the original effective date of the PLUS Tariff.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The effective date of the proposed Original Sheet No. 60, TPUC Tariff Number 20, filed by Tennessee American Water Company on October 6, 2025, is hereby suspended through February 17, 2026, or until further order of the Tennessee Public Utility Commission, whichever occurs sooner.


Aaron J. Conklin, Administrative Judge

¹ *Order Suspending Tariff Through December 8, 2025* (October 30, 2025) (“*Suspension Order*”).

² *Joint Filing of Proposed Procedural Schedule* (November 4, 2025).

³ *Order Establishing Procedural Schedule* (November 5, 2025).

⁴ Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-103(a).